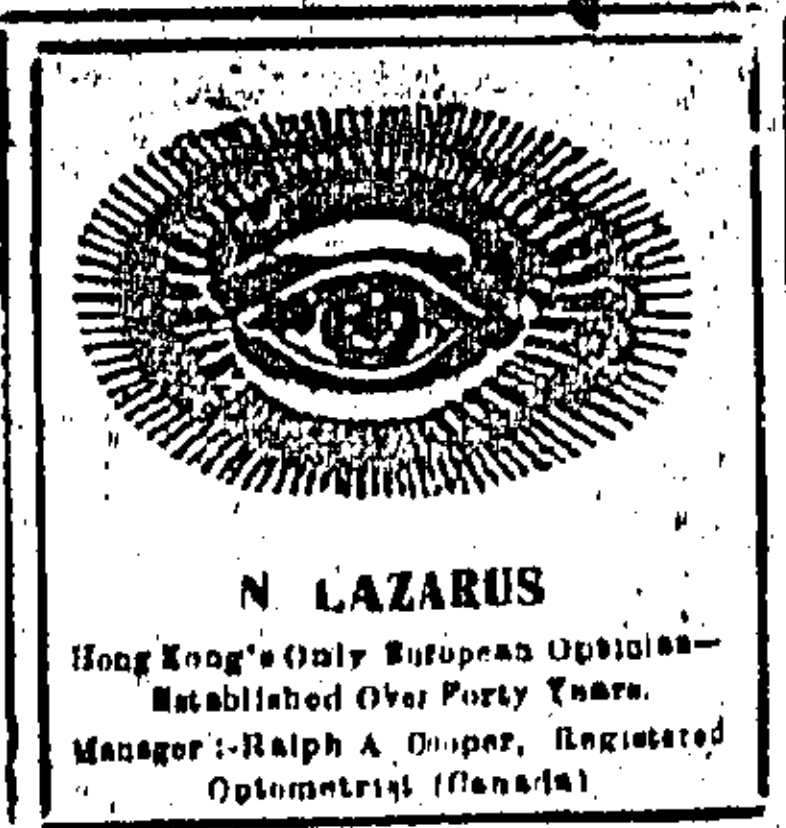




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LATEST PIRACY SENSATION.

6,000-TON STRAITS STEAMER SEIZED.

"SEANG BEE" FOUR DAYS IN PIRATE HANDS.

FIVE MEN KIDNAPPED.

To the long list of piracies committed by the notorious gang of outlaws whose headquarters are in the Bias Bay district must be added yet another, the s.s. Seang Bee being the latest victim.

The Seang Bee is a British steamer, running between the China Coast and Rangoon, and it was while on her way from Singapore to Hongkong, with passengers, mails and general cargo, that she was seized by pirates travelling as passengers. She was, altogether, in the pirates' hands for four days.

It was on Thursday morning that the pirates took control of the ship, whilst the officers were at breakfast, and, as in many other cases, the steamer was taken to Bias Bay. En route, the officers were kept under strict armed guard.

In all, no fewer than 100 pirates took part in the affair, and practically all the passengers, numbering over 700, were robbed of money and valuables, whilst the ship's captain was taken ashore but was later allowed to return, five Chinese passengers, however, being held in custody. No cargo was taken, nor were the mails seriously interfered with. There was no violence perpetrated.

A conservative estimate of the value of the pirates' booty, places it at over \$100,000.

The Seang Bee is commanded by Captain Cotton, and has British officers. After being released by the pirates, the vessel was brought into Hongkong, arriving here early this afternoon.

The Seang Bee, which is one of the largest steamers to be pirated within recent years, had reached a point about 720 miles from Hongkong on Thursday morning, when shots were heard from different points of the vessel, and armed men rushed into the saloon where the officers off duty were breakfasting. Shots were fired into the roof of the saloon, and the officers roughly seized and mustered on the deck.

WIRELESS OUT OF ACTION.

Meanwhile other pirates had taken charge of the wireless operating room, which they put out of action by severing several of the wires.

The steamer was in pirate control until nearly four o'clock this morning, the pirates never relaxing vigilance. Even the engineers were marched to their watches under armed guard throughout the whole of the voyage to Bias Bay.

Pirates went thoroughly through the effects of the whole of the passengers and crew. There were 750 passengers on board all returning from Singapore to China for the New Year Festival.

HUGE HAUL.

The pirate haul must have been tremendous, and it is variously estimated as being between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

One passenger alone told a Telegraph reporter that he had lost over \$10,000 in money and jewellery, the comrade lost a large sum, and the passenger's steward was robbed of \$5,000.

When the pirates had gained complete control, the leader, speaking through an interpreter, told the officers that while they allowed the pirates to do as they wished they would be perfectly safe, but if any sign of resistance was shown, the officers would be killed and the ship sunk.

When the vessel reached Bias Bay, the pirate gang numbering nearly 100 were taken ashore with their loot in two ships boats rowed by the sailors of the Seang Bee.

THE CAPTIVES.

The pirates took away with them:

Capt. Cotton, the master of the ship; Mr. Goh Ah-min, a merchant on his way to Swatow; Koh Yow-tong, a boy of fourteen; Mr. Yap Hong-to, a merchant; Mr. Lok Sui-po, a first-class passenger; and Mr. Ng Hak Kim, a second-class passenger.

The master was allowed to return with the ship's boats, and later the Seang Bee was enabled to proceed to Hongkong under her own steam. The steamer carried about 1,500 tons of cargo, and about 250 bags of mail, but neither were interfered with.

CAPTAIN'S ACCOUNT.

CONSIDERATE PIRATE CHIEF.

Capt. E. M. Cotton, the master of the Seang Bee, interviewed by a Telegraph representative, stated that the attack was made at 9.15 on the morning of Thursday, January 27th, whilst the officers were at breakfast. A dozen pirates rushed into the saloon, shouting, firing blank shots all over the place and threatening to shoot anyone who did not hold up his hand. The attack was so sudden that no effort was made at resistance and the officers and passengers submitted to being searched.

Later they were all taken to their own rooms, one by one, each man being in charge of two pirates and there revolvers were taken from the officers who possessed them. The officers were taken back to the saloon, and were forced to stay there in charge of four armed men whilst the remainder of the pirates went systematically through the passengers' luggage, taking all the money, jewellery and valuable things they could lay their hands on. That day they were allowed to have their lunch in the saloon; it was the last meal they had there until they partook of tiffin to-day.

The No. 1 pirate gave orders to the stewards for all meals to be served in the cabins, the saloon being used as the pirates' headquarters, where all the loot was stored. The Marconi officers were given first-class cabins and were not allowed to go to their own rooms, which were occupied by the pirates. With the exception of the wireless operators, all the others carried on work as usual, being constantly in charge of pirates, three or four of whom were always on the bridge, whilst others were in the engine room.

The day after the attack, the No. 1 pirate installed himself in the Captain's cabin and there slept for several hours. Waking up, he gave instructions that the ship must pass outside Hongkong in the dark and reach Bias Bay between two and three o'clock in the morning. This

CANTON TO PAY OFF STRIKERS.

REPORT OF A LUMP SUM VOTE.

SUPPORT, PROVING DIFFICULT.

According to a Canton report, the Provincial Treasury, on instructions from the Government, has decided to pay out a sum of \$100,000 to the so-called Hongkong strikers, with a view to bringing to an end the long-continued Government support.

This development follows a recently-reported plan by which the Government was to pay from the new surtaxes a sum of \$100 to each striker, on identification by his name and photo at the headquarters of the Strike Committee.

So far, however, the strikers have only been granted \$10 each. It is said that the Government wants to set all the strikers off its hands without delay, as the provisioning of those who are left is providing a financial drain, whilst landlords object to continuing to give these men quarters for which they receive no payment.

meant that they had to reduce speed.

The Captain had his double-barrelled gun taken from him by one of the pirates, who, unable to put it together, threw it overboard. The Captain complained to the No. 1, who immediately paid him \$200 to buy another one.

Capt. Cotton spoke of the pitiful scene on board when five of the passengers were taken ashore by the pirates. The families aboard were crying bitterly. He was ordered to accompany the pirates ashore, and, having no option, had to go in one of the boats. Two and a half hours later, he was allowed to return to the ship. Four boats were used in taking the pirates and their loot away.

CHIEF OFFICERS STORY SYSTEMATIC LOOTING OF PASSENGERS.

In conversation with Mr. McNeil, the Chief Officer, a Telegraph representative was told that he (Mr. McNeil) was at breakfast on Thursday when the attack was made, the first warning being the sound of revolver shots. The saloon was immediately filled with pirates, all officers being placed under armed guard, while the remaining pirates devoted their attention to the passengers, who numbered 750. There was no personal violence, but merely systematic looting of all passengers by the pirates, all of whom were armed with revolvers.

The ship's arms were all commandeered, excepting those in the mail room. Pirates became aware of these on Tuesday afternoon, and after the keys of the mail room had been handed over to them, stole these also. There were 240 bags of mail in the room, including the English paper mail. Two bags were opened but when these were found to contain only papers, the pirates left them alone. The rest of the mail was untouched.

During the succeeding days an exceptionally close guard was kept over all officers and there were rarely fewer than six pirates on the bridge, on which the ship's officers were made to carry out navigational duties, but always heavily under guard. The vessel slowed down considerably yesterday morning, the pirates intimating that they did not wish to reach Bias Bay or get very near it, the pirates were in charge of the vessel only one other ship was sighted and there could, of course, be no communication. The wireless equipment of the vessel had been dismantled at the time of the seizure.

The ship arrived at Bias Bay at three o'clock this morning, two boats were lowered, and the pirates took away with them five Chinese passengers and the Master, Capt. Cotton. The boats were (Continued on Page 18).

CHINA CRISIS.

IS BRITISH OFFER ACCEPTABLE?

MORE YANGTZE UNREST.

So far, the text of the new British proposals to China have not been released for publication, but a Chinese message from Canton suggests that the Nationalists may not agree to the conversion of the British Concessions into International Settlements, as complete Chinese control is desired.

There are further reports of unrest in the Yangtze zone and Japanese women and children at Changhai are standing by ready for evacuation.

BRITISH OFFER OPPOSED?

A Chinese report from Canton says a telegram has been received from Hankow to the effect that in the negotiations between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Eugene Chen, the latter, on instructions from the British Government, offered the surrender of the Concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang on condition that they be converted into International Settlements, but that Mr. Chen insisted on the Concessions being turned completely over to Chinese control.

Another Canton report says that news received from Kiukiang shows that the situation there is quiet, and that, in the absence of British authorities, the Kuomintang Government has appointed General Ching Chin, commander of the 6th Army Corps, to place the Concession under military control until a final settlement has been reached in the negotiations between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Eugene Chen. A Committee is now functioning in control of the Concession, as at Hankow.

HANKOW QUIET.

FEAR OF LABOUR UNREST.

Hankow, Jan. 30. Hankow remains quiet. An Italian vessel arrived to-day loaded with Chinese troops. It is feared that labour unrest will develop after Chinese New Year. Naval Wireless.

KIUKIANG AGITATION.

Kiukiang, Jan. 30. Labour agitators have been interfering with the Customs launch, and the Commissioner of Customs has decided to close down. The godowns on the hulk have not yet been opened. Naval Wireless.

TROUBLE AT WANHSIEN.

Wanhsien, Jan. 30. Trouble is being experienced in getting coal supplies. The Chinese contractor has been placed under arrest by the local authorities for supplying coal to the s.s. Kikwa. Naval Wireless.

COMMANDEERED BOATS.

Tsichang, Jan. 30. Troop movements are continuing down river. All steamers were commandeered yesterday, but two British steamers seized were cleared of troops and their engines dismantled. Naval Wireless.

JAPANESE TO EVACUATE.

Changhai, Jan. 30. Japanese women and children are now standing by prior to evacuation. Naval Wireless.

TROOP MOVEMENTS.

Suffolks for Shanghai. We understand that the 2nd. Bath. Suffolk Regiment, coming East from Gibraltar, will proceed straight to Shanghai, although the troopship by which they are travelling will put in at Hongkong for a brief stay.

The first of the contingent of troops from India will arrive here on February 17th. The eventual destination is not yet known.

TO-DAY

Lighting-up 2/48/16 6.11 p.m.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CRIME.

'FOUR CASES OF ROBBERY REPORTED.'

WEEK-END LOSSES.

A noteworthy feature revealed by this morning's report of crime during the week-end is the large number of robberies.

In an armed robbery at No. 338, Des Voeux Road West, on Saturday, a man, alleged to be the leader of the gang because he held a chopper, the only weapon with which the robbers were armed, and also because he had a key with which he was on the point of opening the safe of the shop before being disturbed by the unexpected return of a foki, was arrested at Water Street after a long chase. The man was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, and remanded.

Three contractors' copies, who were returning to their matchbox at Stubbs Road, were waylaid by footpads near Tytam Tuk Reservoir, and one of them was relieved of a sum of \$36.

Armed robbers also entered No. 77, High Street by means of the usual ruse of having a New Year present to deliver, and the credulous widow who lived on the premises was robbed of money and jewellery amounting to \$219.

From Lantau Island, news has also been received of an armed robbery at a 'disused Mission Building, situated on a peak above the Tung Chung Police Station. A contractor was living in the building, and on the night of the 27th instant, he was visited by armed robbers, and victimised to the extent of \$375.

TWO FIRES.

IN OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

A small fire broke out in a grocery shop at Cheungchau, during the week-end, resulting in damage amounting to \$50.

Playing with a burning piece of firewood, a small boy set alight a pile of dried grass in a hut at Pun Tui village, in the Pingshan district. The child ran out of the shop and so escaped injuries, but when its parents returned they found their home burnt down.

PERSIAN POLITICS.

THE CABINET RESIGNS.

Tehran, Jan. 30. The Cabinet has resigned in consequence of the Independents joining the Opposition in tabling an interpellation in connection with the recent correspondence between the Government and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company and also the non-settlement of a trade treaty with Russia. Reuter.

RABIES AGAIN.

AN INDIAN CASE OF HYDROPHOBIA.

In the health return for the forty-eight hours ending this morning, it is disclosed that there was one Chinese case of diphtheria and also one Indian case of hydrophobia.

News has been received by mail from England that Major Louis Cassel, O.B.E., and formerly G.S.O. and D.A., Q.M.G., China Command, has been offered a very high appointment in connection with the present crisis in China. No doubt Major Cassel's wide experience in the Far East has been a factor in the choice made for the post.

SWATOW STILL UNSETTLED.

BOYCOTT AND ANTI-BOYCOTT MOVES IN EVIDENCE.

FOREIGN PROTECTION.

Conditions in Swatow are still very unsettled, according to news to hand from the Telegraph's correspondent there.

Whilst anti-British agitators are endeavouring to create trouble in connection with the Foochow incidents, the Chee Seng Union has sent a circular letter to merchants containing official instructions ordering the cessation of the anti-British boycott.

Coincident with these developments, the Douglas Company agents have received letters from the Seamen's Union threatening a boycott of its steamers.

The Chinese authorities have issued instructions for the protection of foreign lives and property.

Writing under date of Thursday last, our correspondent says:

The local situation is at the moment most difficult and it is almost impossible to say how matters will develop. On the one hand, we have the anti-British agitators, re-inforced by students from Amoy and Foochow, doing their utmost to stir-up trouble and exhibiting 'photos' of babies said to have been killed by foreign missionaries at Foochow. This movement, as a matter of fact, does not appear to be meeting with the success the instigators anticipated, but nevertheless the movement is there and may yet be the cause of much trouble.

ORDER AGAINST BOYCOTT.

On the other hand, we have the Chee Seng Union, which is composed of the employees of the charterers and shippers' hong and which has been responsible for continuing the boycott of British steamers, distributing copies of the following letter to all interested in shipping in order to convince merchants that the boycott of British shipping is definitely at an end and that cargo may now come and go freely!

"We beg to inform you that this Union is in receipt of Order No. 1989, from the Chief of Police, Mr. Ho, covering a copy of Order No. 187, from the Swatow Commissioner for Foreign Affairs calling our attention to the following letter received by the latter office from the British Consul at Swatow and the consequent instructions received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Canton:—

"Letter from the British Consul to the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs:—

"I now confirm our conversation with regard to reports which have appeared in the local newspapers to the effect that the Swatow Chee Seng Union have telegraphed to the Shanghai Teochew Guild instructing the latter not to charter British steamers as their cargoes could not be landed.

"I understand that this Union has sent similar communications to Hankow, Tientsin and other ports. As a result of these telegrams two British steamers had to cancel charters which they had already fixed.

NO INTERFERENCE.

"I therefore have to request the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs to instruct the Chee Seng Union to withdraw the telegrams referred to and not to interfere in any way with the landing of cargoes from British ships. To this request the commissioner for Foreign Affairs agreed and promised to inform me of any special reasons why this could not be carried out.

"On the 6th inst. I received a reply from the Commissioner stating that the only reason for the non-execution of my request lay in the imagination of the Chee Seng Union. This is hardly a reason which can have the serious consideration of our respective Governments and I must again therefore call your attention to the important points of the case.

"I refer you to the Canton Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr.

Chen, who, as representative of the Nationalist Government, ordered the anti-British boycott to be brought to an end on October 10th, 1926. Since then Mr. Chen has on several occasions informed H.B.M. Consul General at Canton that similar orders have been given to the whole territory under the Nationalist Government.

In spite of this assurance threatening letters are still being distributed in Swatow instructing merchants not to land cargo by British ships and at the end of a month the boycott still appears to be in force.

DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS.

I must therefore request you to bring the matter to the notice of your Government with a view to definitely bringing the boycott to an end. I shall thereupon be pleased to hear from the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs that he can affirm that British ships can land and ship cargo in Swatow without difficulty.

"Telegram received by the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs December 27th, 1926. "The Chinese Republican Government cannot prohibit their people from having free speech but they forbid them to gather together in crowds and to threaten traders dealing in British goods or shipping cargo by British ships."

"The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs thereupon ordered the Chief of Police to carry out these instructions a boycott against the workers from threatening those of the public doing business with British goods or British ships and to report any offences against these orders."

"This Union has therefore been ordered by the Chief of Police not to interfere with cargo arriving by British steamers and we have now informed our members that they are to land cargoes from British steamers and any members refusing to do so will be punished."

The letter is signed by the President, Mr. Lim Chee-meng; and the Vice-President, Mr. Lee Soh-cher.

This letter reads well and is believed to be genuine, but what effect it will have remains to be seen.

DOUGLAS CO. THREATENED.

The local agents of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., are receiving threatening letters from the Seamen's Union stating that unless the old crews of the Douglas steamers are re-instated they will institute a boycott against the Company. Similar letters have also been received from the Wharf Workers' Union and the Transport Workers' Union in support of the seamen.

The local Agents of the Douglas Company, however, say that there is no truth in the statement that the old crews have not been re-instated and that with very few exceptions all the men employed on their steamers are old Company's servants.

It is rumored that this trouble has been started as a reprisal for the recent trouble on board s.s. Halching in Amoy and Foochow when that trip was carrying the missionaries to Hongkong.

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U. S. PROSPERITY.

PRESIDENT'S WARNING AGAINST MILITARISM.

Washington, Jan. 30. Addressing the half yearly meeting of business men arranged by the Government, President Coolidge declared he was adequately drawing attention to the matter of military preparedness, but at the same time warned against military gestures, or acts likely to lead to competition in armaments.

He declared the United States advocates peace.

"We not only should refrain from acts which might be construed as demanding armaments competition, but should rather bend every effort to eliminate such competition evermore. We cannot, and should not, divorce our interests in this from the interests of other nations. Surely the best interests will be found in spending for the public welfare money which are otherwise spent on unproductive results."

He pointed out that the Government had reduced the public debt to below nineteen billion dollars, and now was over two billions ahead of the debt redemption schedule. He declared the United States was probably in the most fortunate financial condition of all the nations of the world, and financial considerations ought to induce Americans to refrain from any gesture which might be construed as militarist.

He did not promise any immediate reduction of taxation. — *Reuter.*

ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION.

HEARST NEWSPAPERS CONTINUE CAMPAIGN.

New York, Jan. 29. The Hearst newspapers throughout the length and breadth of the country are to prosecute the recently announced policy of forming an English-speaking Union.

All the papers to-day give prominence to an interview with the New Zealand Premier, Mr. Coates, enthusiastically endorsing the plan. Judge Gary and Mr. Theodore Roosevelt also extol the plan as ideal.

The latter does not believe an Anglo-American alliance is necessary to carry out the plan because he says as long as the English-speaking peoples continue to develop the same general attitude towards major policies, they will normally draw closer together. — *Reuter's American Service.*

REPARATIONS ISSUE.

ILLOGICAL GERMAN CLAIM FAILS.

The Hague, Jan. 30. Several hundred millions sterling in Reparations are stated to be involved in a test case in the Industrial Court of Arbitration, to decide whether compensation paid by Germany since September 1924 to her nationals owing to property being confiscated by Allied countries should be included as payment of Reparations.

The Court decided that such sums cannot be included in the Dawes scheme of annuities. — *Reuter.*

GERMAN PIG-IRON.

AMERICAN ANTI-DUMPING REGULATIONS.

Washington, Jan. 30. Mr. Mellon has issued anti-dumping orders against the import of German pig-iron. — *Reuter's American Service.*

THE YANGTZE SITUATION.

HUNAN POSITION TENSE.

Rugby, Jan. 29. Confirmation has now been received in London that the British Government's proposals elaborating the December Memorandum have now been conveyed by Mr. O'Malley to Mr. Eugene Chen in Hankow, and by the British minister to Mr. Wellington Koo in Peking.

By making a friendly offer at the same time to the Chinese authorities of the North and the South, the British Government indicates its neutrality between the warring parties and the genuineness of its conciliatory and liberal policy towards China as a whole.

Kiukiang Resumes Business. Press telegrams from China state that the commercial community in Kiukiang, following the Hankow example, have resumed business.

The situation is quiet, and hulks are being used for warehousing.

At Ichang the situation shows some improvement, and commandeered buildings have been restored to their owners.

The situation in Hunan Province is tense as a result of the aggressive attitude of the Labour Unions. — *British Wireless.*

FENGTIEN PLANS.

CHANG TSO-LIN PROPERLY INDIGNANT.

Peking, Jan. 29. A foreign correspondent who attempted to interview Marshal Chang Tso-lin yesterday found him in a most indignant mood, owing to the alleged lack of support and sympathy from the Powers.

He declared he needed funds for the campaign against the South, but it appeared that he felt more the small amount of face given him compared with the Southern leaders.

Chang Tso-lin is reported to have declared that he has always protected foreigners, while his opponents, who are violently anti-foreign, have driven out foreigners from the Southern provinces and adopted illegal methods, but are given greater consideration.

Chang Tso-lin intended to clear out to Mukden yesterday, recalling all Fengtien troops outside the Great Wall, but finally changed his mind and has decided to remain in Peking for the present. It appears, however, that the Fengtienites are very unlikely to launch an attack against the South before New Year. — *Reuter.*

BAD WEATHER.

WIND REACHES 102 MILES AN HOUR.

Rugby, Jan. 29. A violent gale raged yesterday and last night over the greater part of the British Isles.

The Air Ministry reports that the wind reached 102 miles an hour at Renfrew, Scotland. Eight deaths have occurred through falling chimneys and six elsewhere as a result of the gale.

Heavy seas occurred round the coasts, although no serious shipping casualties have been reported. In spite of the storm, all Imperial Airways liners made scheduled cross-Channel flights yesterday.

Tramp Overtakes Plane. One pilot flying from Cologne to London stated that whilst over the Channel, although his airspeed indicator was showing over ninety miles an hour, his machine was still for several minutes and a tramp steamer in the Channel below actually overtook him.

Heavy seas continued in the Channel to-day, but in North Britain the gale had moderated, being followed by snow. — *British Wireless.*

NEW BISHOP.

MONSEIGNOR WALSH OF PAKKAI VICARIATE.

Although the Papal Bull has not yet arrived from Rome, information has been received in the Colony that Monsignor Walsh of the Maryknoll Pak-kai Vicariate, has been created a bishop.

Monsignor Walsh is at present the Prefect Apostolic in the district of Pak-kai and adjacent territories, but on consecration, will become Vicar Apostolic of the See until appointed elsewhere.

This news comes as a welcome recognition in view of the present troubled times, and Monsignor Walsh has already been the recipient of many congratulatory messages on his preferment.

MEXICAN OIL LAW.

COMPANIES SCORE ON IMPORTANT POINT.

Mexico City, Jan. 29. The oil interests in Villa Guadalupe, in Vera Cruz, have gained an important decision, according to special despatches.

The District Court granted the Trans-Continental Oil Company a "definite writ of amparo," restraining all operations of the new Petroleum Law, as relating to that Company.

It is noteworthy that the District Courts have hitherto refused such restraining orders.

The Department of Justice is appealing to the Supreme Court against the decision. — *Reuter's American Service.*

SZECUAN.

QUIET AND LOYAL TO THE NORTH.

Peking, Jan. 29. A message from Chungking states that Szechuan Province is quiet and is remaining loyal to the North.

The generals guarantee full protection.

Red propaganda is making no headway. Over 500 British and Americans are evacuating the Province within the next ten days. — *Reuter.*

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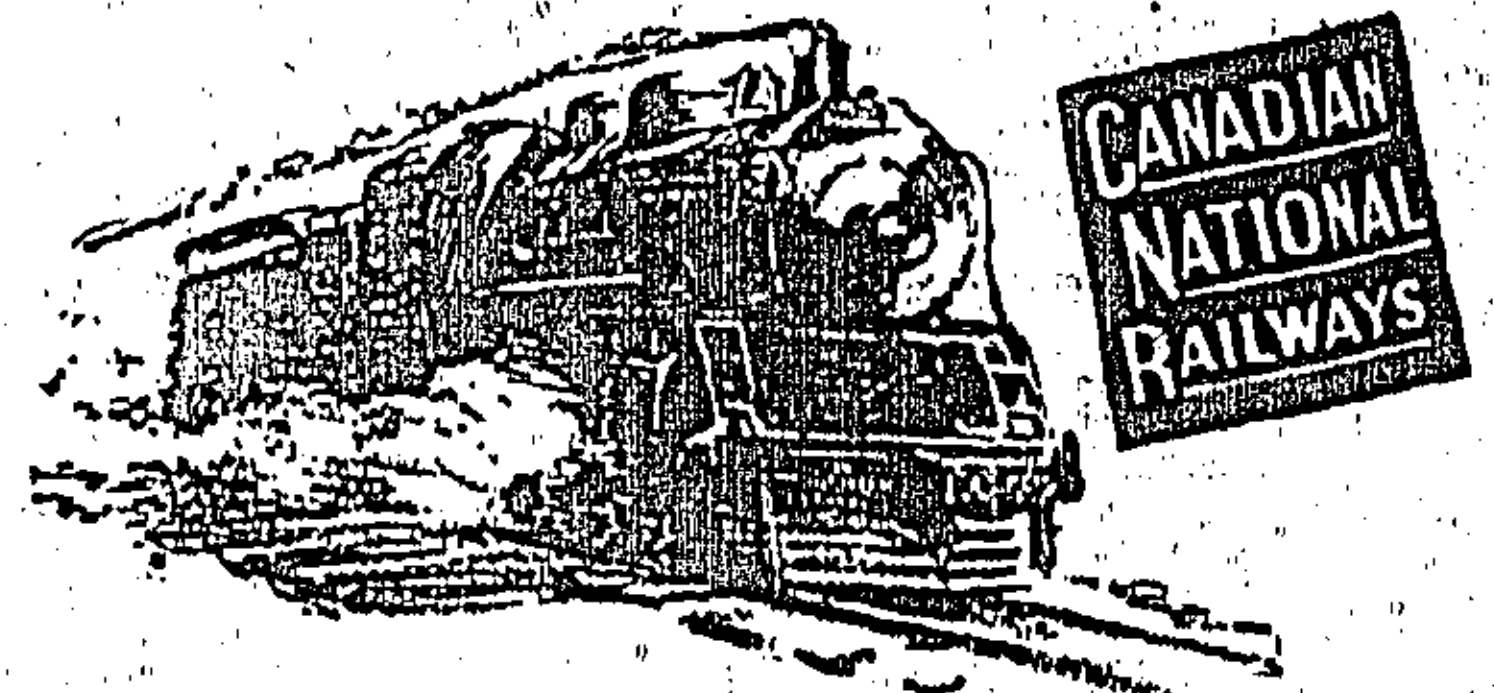
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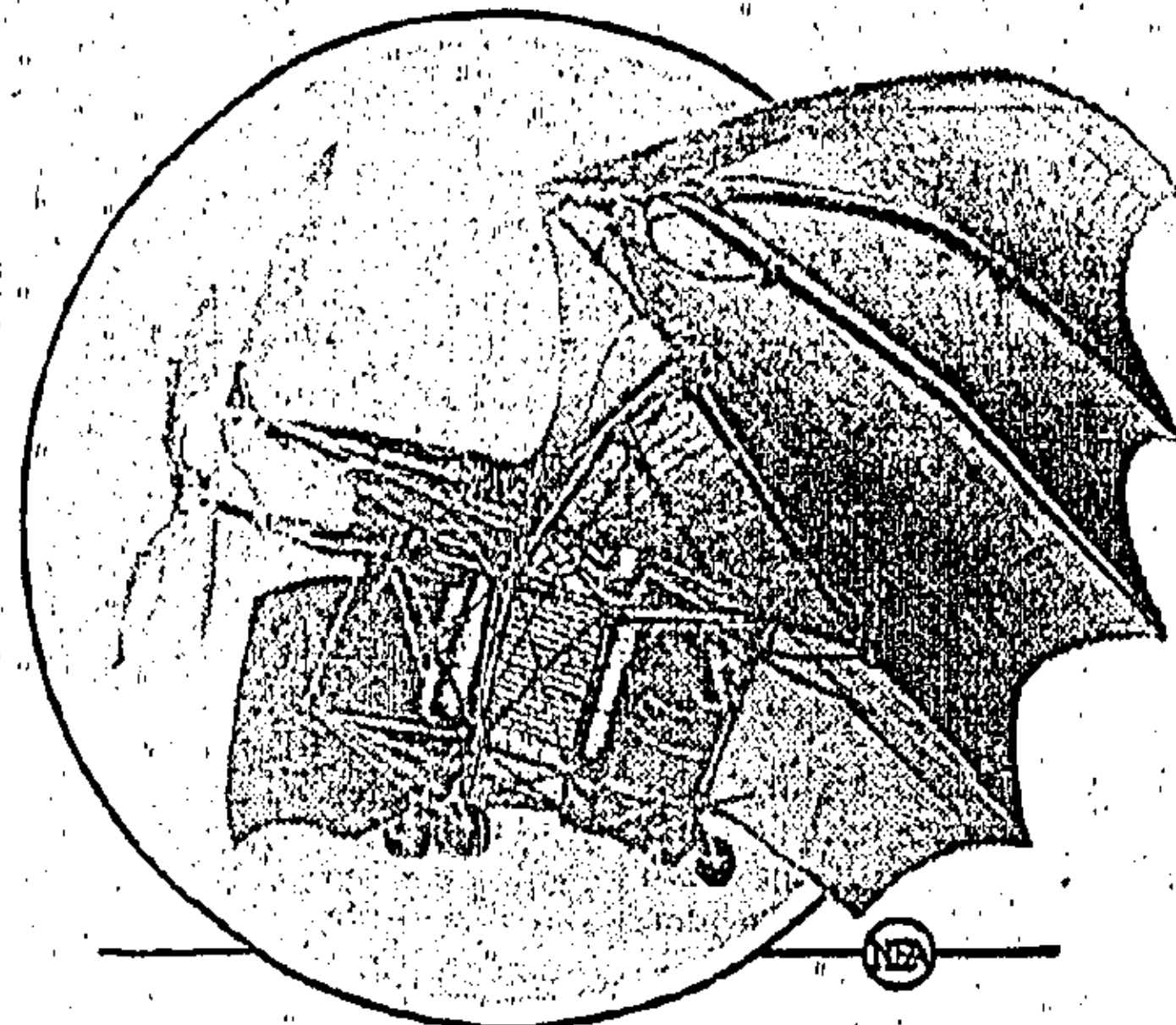


A Coming Business Man

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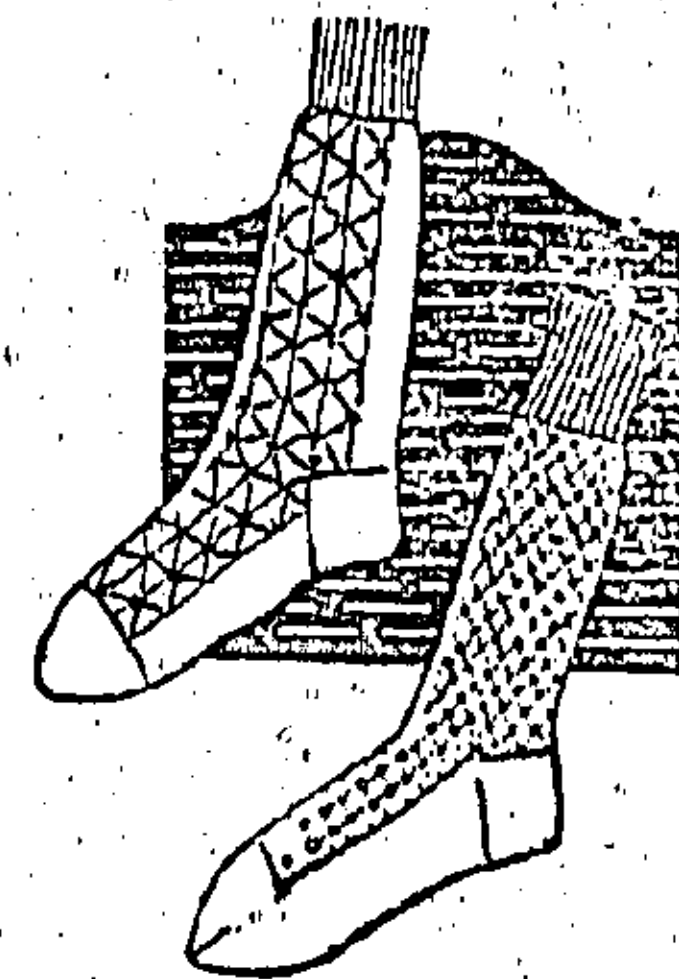


BRITISH BLUEJACKETS COME ASHORE.—Snapshot taken of a group of British sailors from ships in port while ashore during the past week for drill and parade on the Public Recreation Ground, Shanghai.



FREAK AEROPLANE.—Newest and most freakish of aeroplanes, "The Bat," has had its trial flight at Paris. This unusual aeroplane, equipped with Blériot Four motors, is intended, strangely enough, for commercial flights and not for stunt work.

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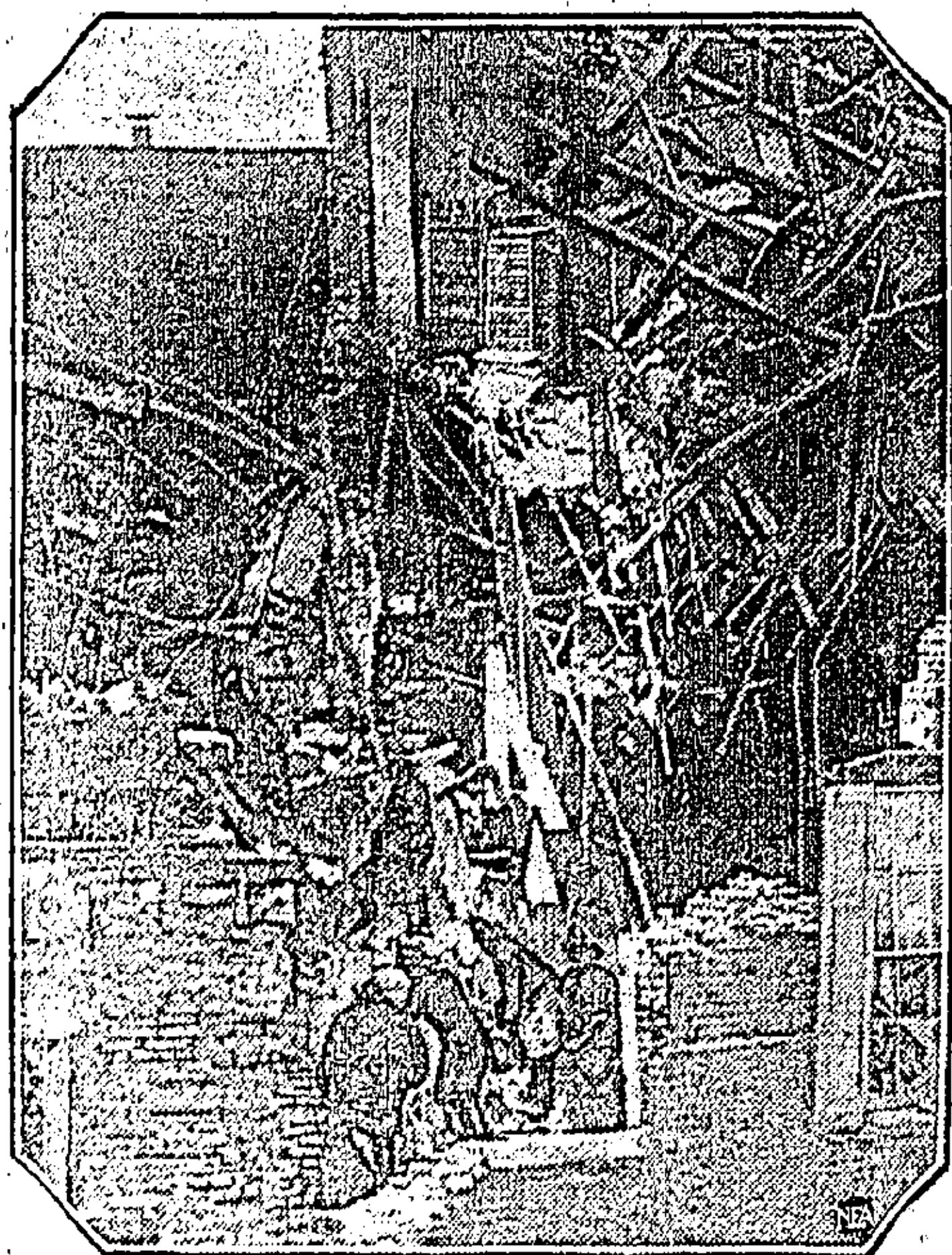
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FATAL COLLAPSE OF WATER TANK.—Four workers lost their lives and many others were injured by the collapse of a water tank on the roof of this Philadelphia candy factory. Water and hurtling debris crashed through floor, after floor, demolishing the building. Firemen searching the ruins for victims are viewed here.



WEALTH WEDS.—Miss Mary Ashley, above, one of England's richest girls, is to be the bride of Captain Alec Stratford Cunningham Reid, below, Unionist member of Parliament. Miss Ashley is a sister of Lady Louise Mountbatten.



CARUSO'S DAUGHTER.—This shows Caruso's daughter, Gloria, arriving at New York with her mother, divorced wife of Captain Ingram, of the British Army, and Jacqueline, her little step-sister.

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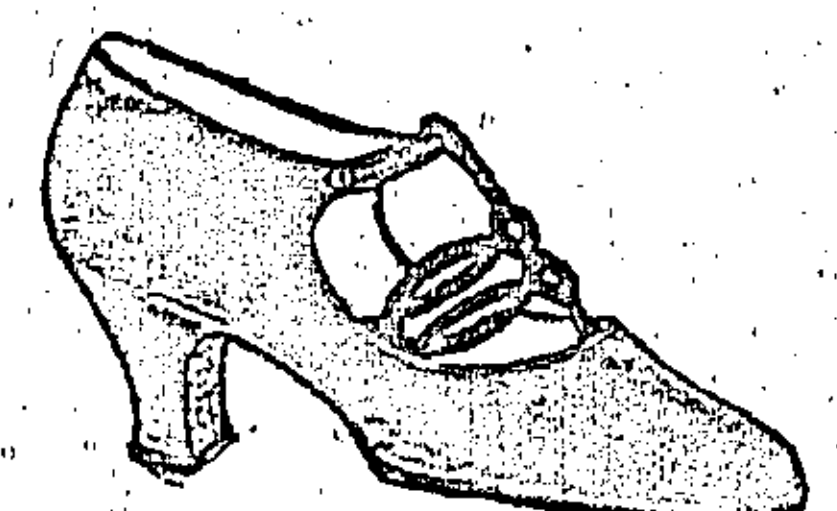
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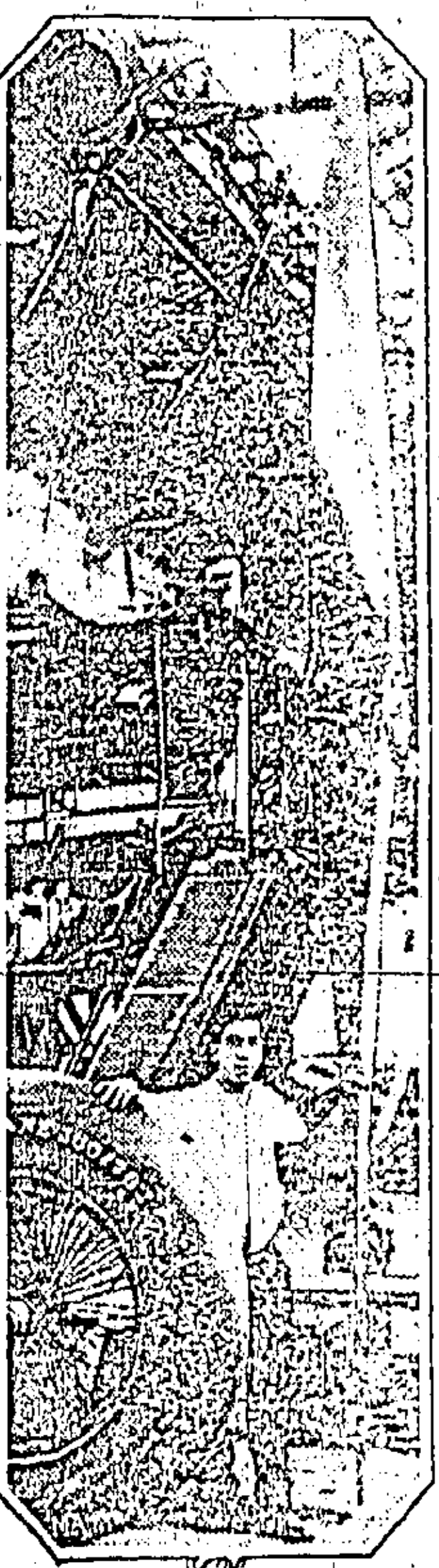
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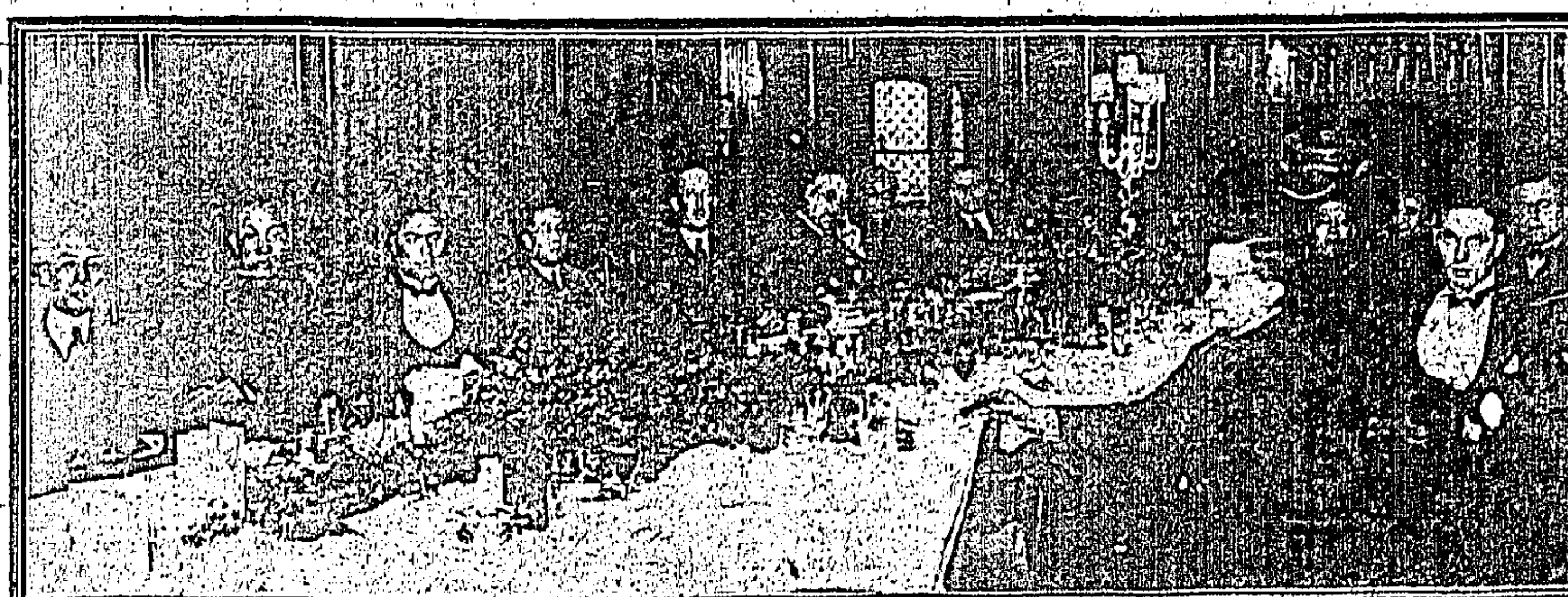
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GIANT PROPELLER.—The "Cyclops," world's largest single engine bombing plane, was recently completed for the United States Air Service. The huge propeller shown above, is 16 feet in length and will pull the ship at more than 100 miles an hour with a cargo of 9,000 pounds of bombs.



LOCAL PAPER DEALERS ENTERTAINED.—Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Ellis entertained a number of local paper dealers on January 5, at their residence, 373 Route Cardinal Mercier, Shanghai. Among those present were Mr. F. D. Stephen, manager of Getz Bros. & Co., Shanghai, and Mrs. Stephen, and Miss Sudka. Our photo was taken on the lawn of Mr. Ellis' residence.



DINNER TO CINEMA MANAGERS AND DIRECTORS.—Picture taken at a dinner given at the Majestic Hotel Shanghai by Mr. John Albeck, General Manager for the Far East of United Artists Corporation, to Chinese and foreign journalists of Shanghai and cinema managers and directors. Those present include, from left to right: Mr. Holt (Peking Theatre), Mr. Chen (Odéon Theatre), Mr. Lo (Chen Kwang Theatre of Peking), Mr. Lo Kan (China Theatres, Ltd.), Mr. John Albeck, Mr. Hertzberg (Embassy and Apollo Theatres), Mr. Bau, Mr. Krisol (Counsel for Motion Pictures Assn.), Mr. Haslund (Carlton Theatre), Mr. Yih (Eastern Times), Mr. Tsong, Mr. MacMullan, ("China Courier"), Mr. Carol Lunt ("China Film Pictorial").

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PREMISES TO LET.

TO LET.—One European Flat Wanchai Gap Road, Hongkong. Apply to 32, Kennedy Road.

TO LET.—Office Rooms, 2nd Floor, New Hongkong Bank Building. Apply Sang Koo, same building.

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BANK HOLIDAYS.

In Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the Exchange Banks will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on WEDNESDAY, and THURSDAY, the 2nd and 3rd February, 1927. Hongkong, 27th Jan., 1927.

Before You Advertise COUNT THE "TELEGRAPHS" On The Kowloon Ferry

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Society, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

- (1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added: "All meetings of the Society shall be held in 'Hongkong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine.'"
- (2) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "Society" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted: "from which the business of the Society shall be managed, conducted and controlled."
- (3) That between Articles 108, and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—
Place of Directors' Meetings.
108 (a). "All meetings of Directors shall be held 'in Hongkong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine.'"
- (4) That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hongkong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the word "purposes" and the word "and," the following words be inserted: "outside the Colony of Hongkong."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.15 p.m., when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

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CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of The China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.30 p.m., when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

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- (2) That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Article be substituted:—
"Votes of Members."
80. "On a show of hands 'every member present' shall have one vote, 'and upon a poll' 'every member present' 'in person or by proxy' shall have one vote 'for every share held' 'by him. No member 'not personally present' shall be entitled to 'vote on a show of hands, unless such 'member is a corporation' 'present by a 'proxy or a company' 'present by a representative duly authorised' 'by Section 69 of Ordinance No. 68 of '1911, in which case 'such proxy or representative may vote on 'the show of hands as 'if he were a member.'"

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CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

On Wednesday, the 2nd February, and Thursday, the 3rd February, all Departments will be CLOSED.

On these days.

The Hongkong Dispensary Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

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HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

Fifth Tournament of the Season. SATURDAY, 5th February at 9.15 p.m. at the THEATRE ROYAL.

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Four Other Contests.

Booking at Moutrie's.—Members: 1st February. General Public: 4th and 5th.

USUAL PRICES.

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(4) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order,
of the Board of Directors,

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

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CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

4, Duddell Street.
If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

E. V. M. R. de SOUSA.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 5th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS AND SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th Jan., 1927.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

From LEITH, MIDY, ESSEX, ANTWERP, LONDON, STRAITS, and PHILIPPINES.

The Steamship, "BENLAWERS."

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th February, 1927, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 21st February, 1927, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th February, 1927, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1927.

A WOMAN "VET."

FIRST TO TAKE THE DEGREE.

Wearing plus fours and a Norfolk jacket beneath her academic gown, Miss Edith Gertrude Knight-to-day received her degree as Bachelor of Veterinary Science—the first woman in England to secure it.

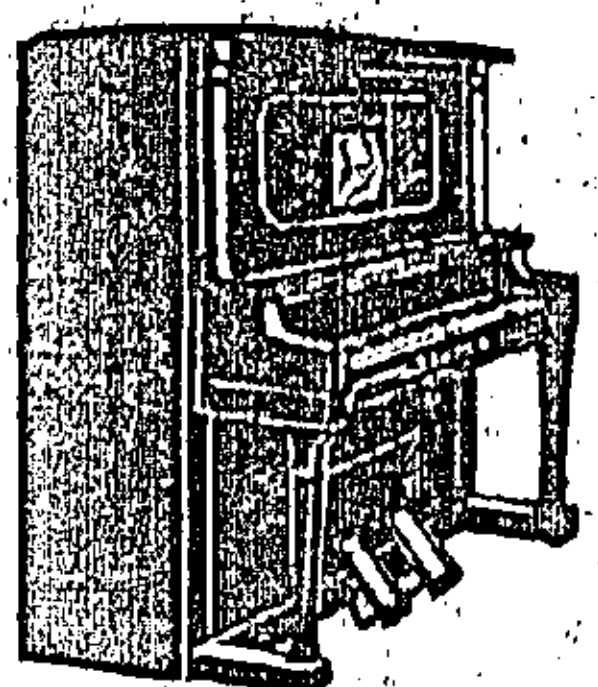
Liverpool University is the only one in the country where the B.V.Sc. is granted, and when this bobbed-haired, slightly-built woman of 29 went forward to receive it her fellow students gave her a rousing cheer.

Miss Knight is the daughter of the headmaster of Sexey's School, Bruton, Somerset. She is an expert horse-woman, and has frequently hunted with the hounds.

"Since she was 18 my daughter has always dressed like a boy," said her father. "She could not very well do her work in a skirt."

MORRISON PIANOS

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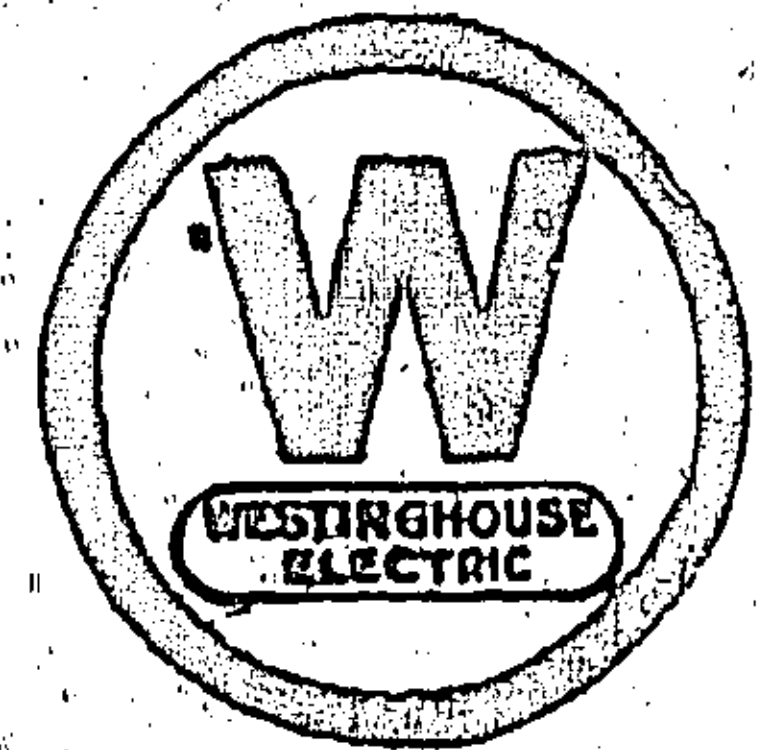
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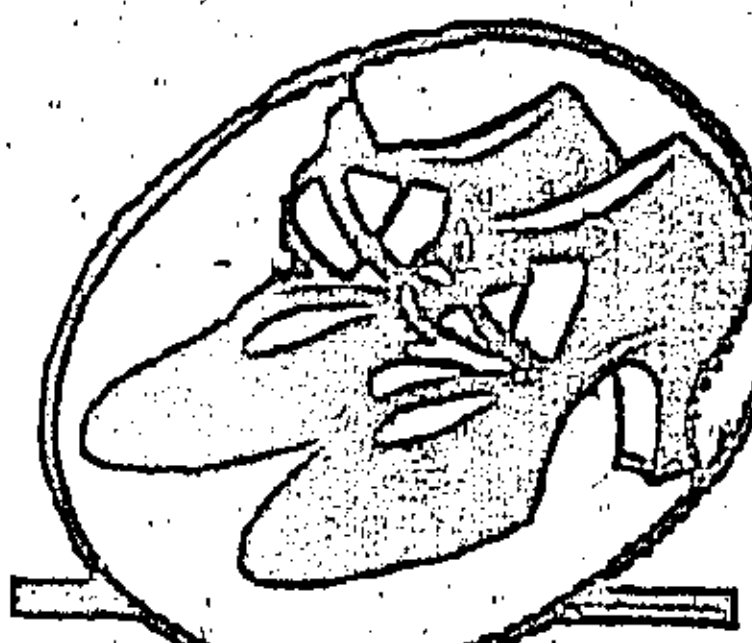
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AMOY INCIDENTS.

AN AUTHORITY ACCOUNT.

The British steamer *Hai-ching* of the Douglas Laprak line arrived in Amoy on the morning of 18th instant bringing a number of Dominican Spanish and American refugee Catholic missionaries from Foochow and French Sisters from Pagoda with some of their servants and Chinese children.

The first intimation the British Consul received of any trouble was about 1.30 p.m. when the French Consul (also Senior Consul) telephoned that he and the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs were going on board the *Hai-ching* to investigate the case of certain Chinese from the Orphanage wanted by the Foochow authorities.

The British Consul therefore accompanied them on board. Captain (really Admiral) Lin, the principal authority there, also sent his A. D. C. and naval officers to prevent trouble and to look into the matter together with Chinese Police. In order to regularize matters the British Consul gave permission to remove any Chinese wanted by the authorities, the necessary documents to be made out subsequently.

As the investigation proceeded a number of Chinese students came on board, and when the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs decided that only two of the children need be landed, as "being obviously orphans under legal age, the students, and certain older persons who were obviously agitators, raised an outcry and held a meeting among themselves on deck. A certain well-known labour agitator was also seen talking to the crew, apparently trying to get them to leave the ship. Some foreigners who wished to go ashore were stopped at the gangway by Chinese of the student or teacher class.

Missionary Stays Behind.

To make sure, the British Consul himself made an attempt to go ashore in the Post Office motor launch with a similar result. The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs was in no better case and was obviously helpless, having no means of communicating with Captain Lin on shore. The only man who was able to handle the situation was Captain Lin's A.D.C., Mr. Ho Chih-hsing, who acted as spokesman of the authorities and explained to the students what it was proposed to do. After the students had demanded that all the missionaries be landed as well as the Chinese children, and had been told that that was impossible, a compromise was effected by one of the Spanish Dominicans offering to remain as representative in Amoy to give any evidence required. The students then left the ship, with police, orphans, etc., and boats were permitted to come alongside to take off those wishing to go ashore, the ship sailing at 4.15 p.m. instead of the scheduled time of 4 o'clock.

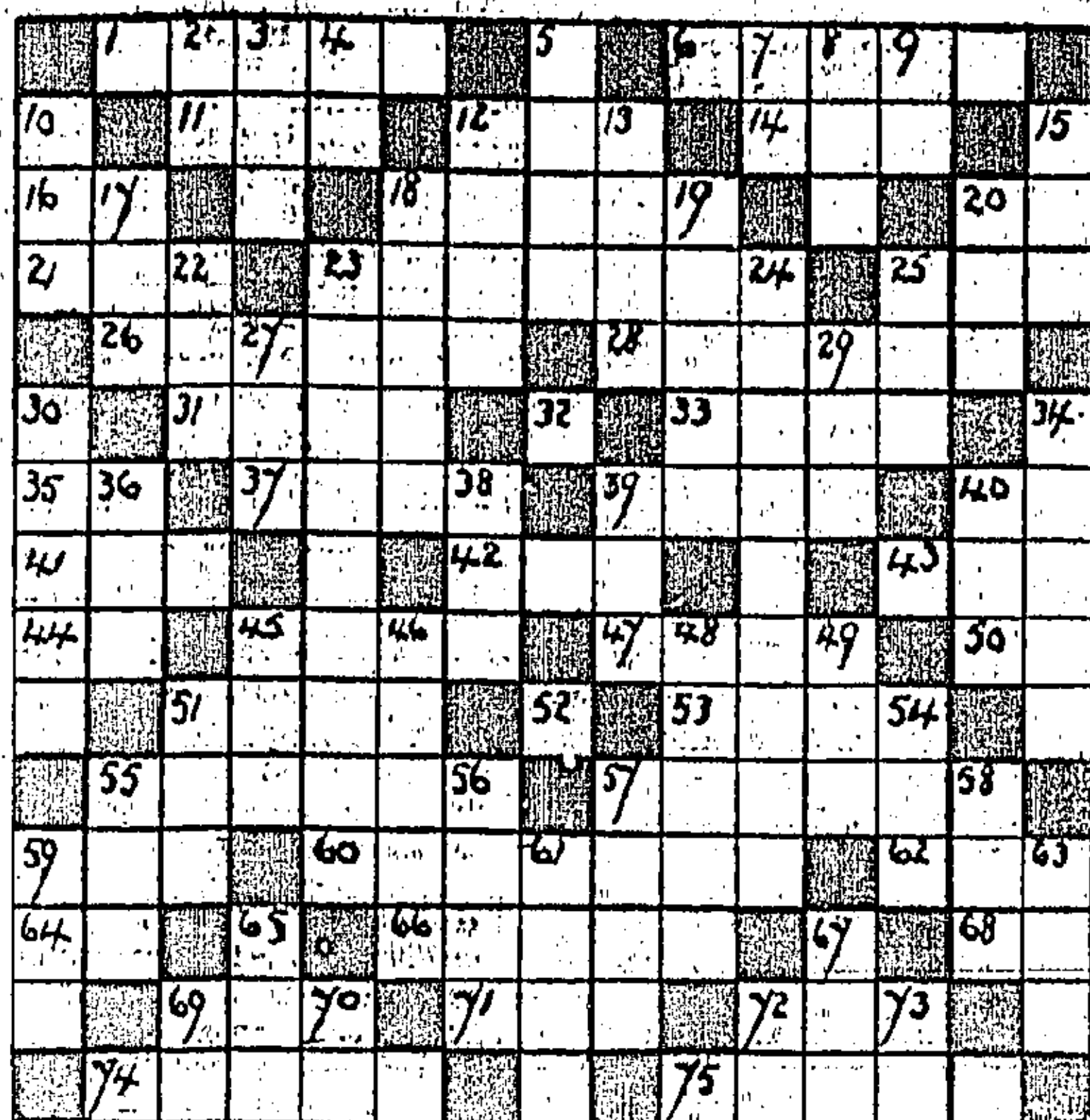
There is no doubt that serious trouble might easily have arisen, and at one time the Captain of the ship wished to close the grilles, shutting off the students and agitators in one part of the ship, and then heaving up anchor. As this would undoubtedly have started another boycott the British Consul did not consent and Mr. Ho, above mentioned, with great ability, effected a fairly satisfactory compromise.

In anticipation of trouble at Swatow, the British Consul gave authority for the ship to sail direct for Hongkong; which was fortunate, as the Kuomintang representatives there subsequently telegraphed orders to arrest the Spanish missionaries missionaries as soon as the ship arrived there.

Dead Babies Exhibited.

A Spanish missionary belonging to the local mission was hustled by the mob and had to take refuge in the Chinese Police Station on the Amoy side. The Fathers and Sisters in the Spanish Mission also on the Amoy side were driven out

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Across.

- 1 A famous shrine at Mecca.
- 2 Northern regions.
- 3 Very cold.
- 4 A bull.
- 5 Obstruction.
- 6 Above.
- 7 Back in third year.
- 8 You.
- 9 A step.
- 10 Without inclination.
- 11 To procure.
- 12 Deprived unlawfully.
- 13 Genus of fish allied to perch.
- 14 Something lent.
- 15 Indefinite article.
- 16 Abbreviation for each.
- 17 Over again.
- 18 Chinese.
- 19 A Chinese mile.
- 20 Instrument of axe kind.
- 21 First woman.
- 22 To behold.
- 23 Look.
- 24 Warm affection.
- 25 Competent.
- 26 Place where.
- 27 A sheet of glass.
- 28 Me.
- 29 A nobleman.
- 30 Instruments producing piercing sounds.
- 31 Fine rain.
- 32 Untrained skin of a calf.
- 33 To cause damage to.
- 34 A peg.
- 35 Commercial term meaning "out of."
- 36 Covered in foliage.
- 37 Sixth note of octave.
- 38 Exclamation expressing contempt.
- 39 Intellect.
- 40 Juice of a tree.
- 41 The leaf of a calyx.
- 42 Field plants.

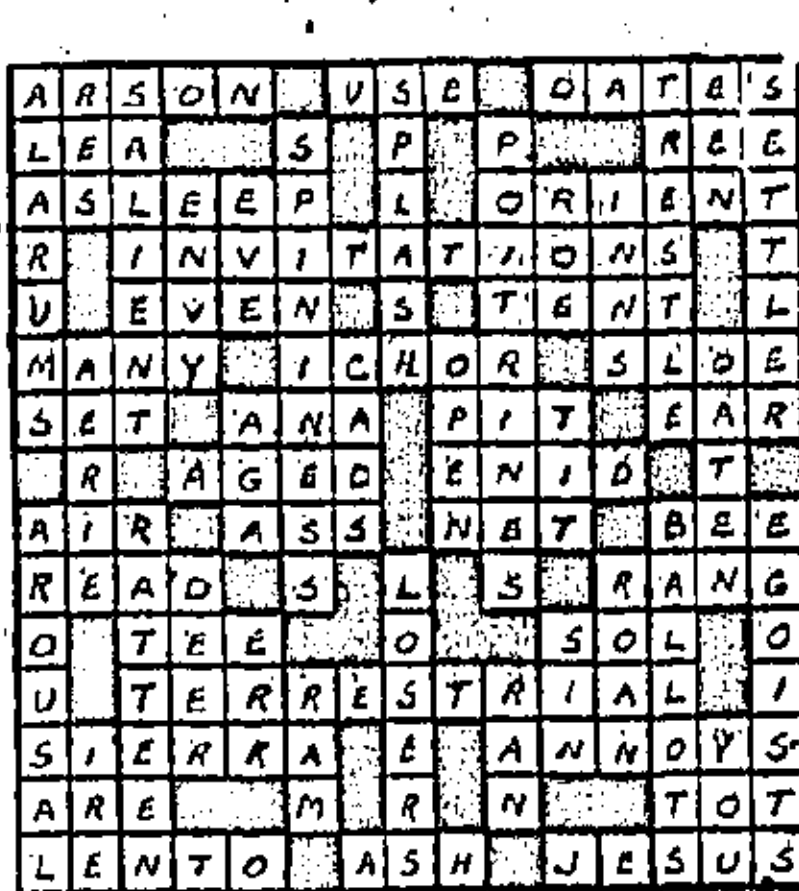
Down.

- 1 Three-toed sloth.
- 2 Best card.
- 3 Preposition.
- 4 Spiritual being (Persian).
- 5 A mesmerist force.
- 6 Scarlet dye.
- 7 Morning.
- 8 Seen on leaflets.
- 9 Bartered.
- 10 Head of an insect between the

eyes, and mandibles.

- 15 Black.
- 16 Equality.
- 17 Stage of theatre.
- 18 Passenger ship.
- 19 Even so.
- 20 The sun.
- 21 Left.
- 22 Resembling a hair.
- 23 Lighter than air.
- 24 Large snake.
- 25 Marshy ground.
- 26 Powdery.
- 27 Religious devotion.
- 28 Fawn.
- 29 Small.
- 30 A beverage.
- 31 Mindow.
- 32 A householded.
- 33 Ready to accept a bribe.
- 34 Muscular.
- 35 Before.
- 36 Seed of an apple.
- 37 Edge of the mouth.
- 38 A number.
- 39 A swimming bird.
- 40 To operate on by a sieve.
- 41 Nothing.
- 42 A parrot.
- 43 Inexpensive.
- 44 To catch.
- 45 Chance.
- 46 Storage tank.
- 47 Exist.
- 48 Exclamation of surprise.
- 49 Point of compass.
- 50 Privy councillor (abb.).

Saturday's Puzzle.



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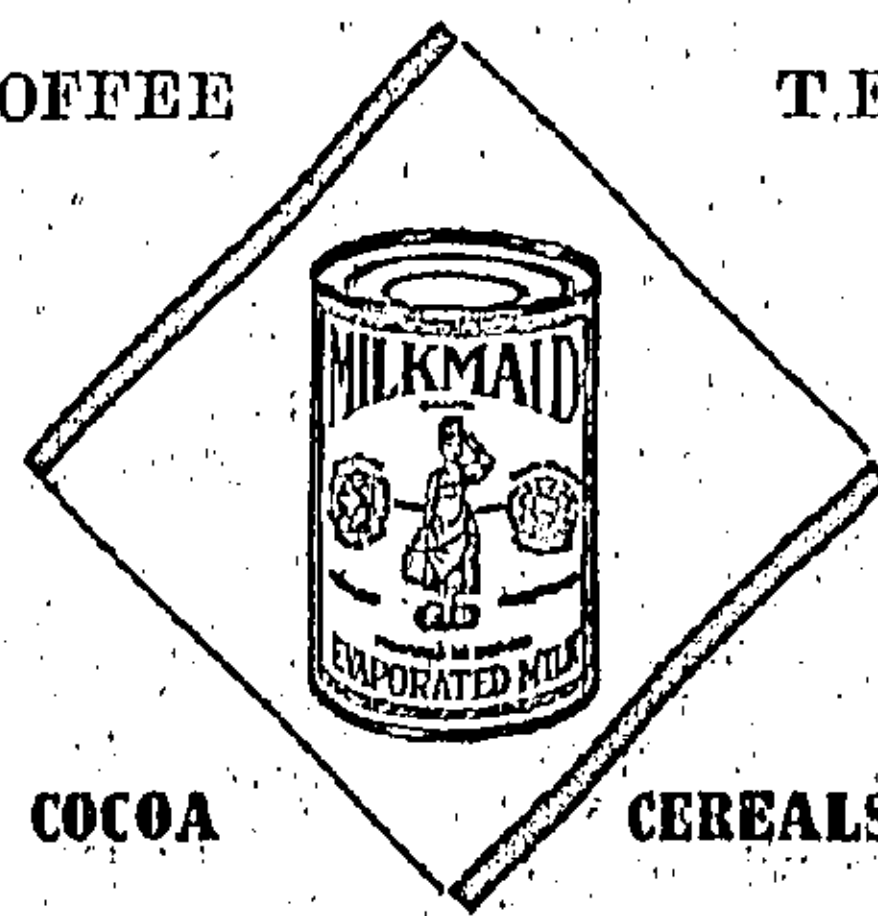
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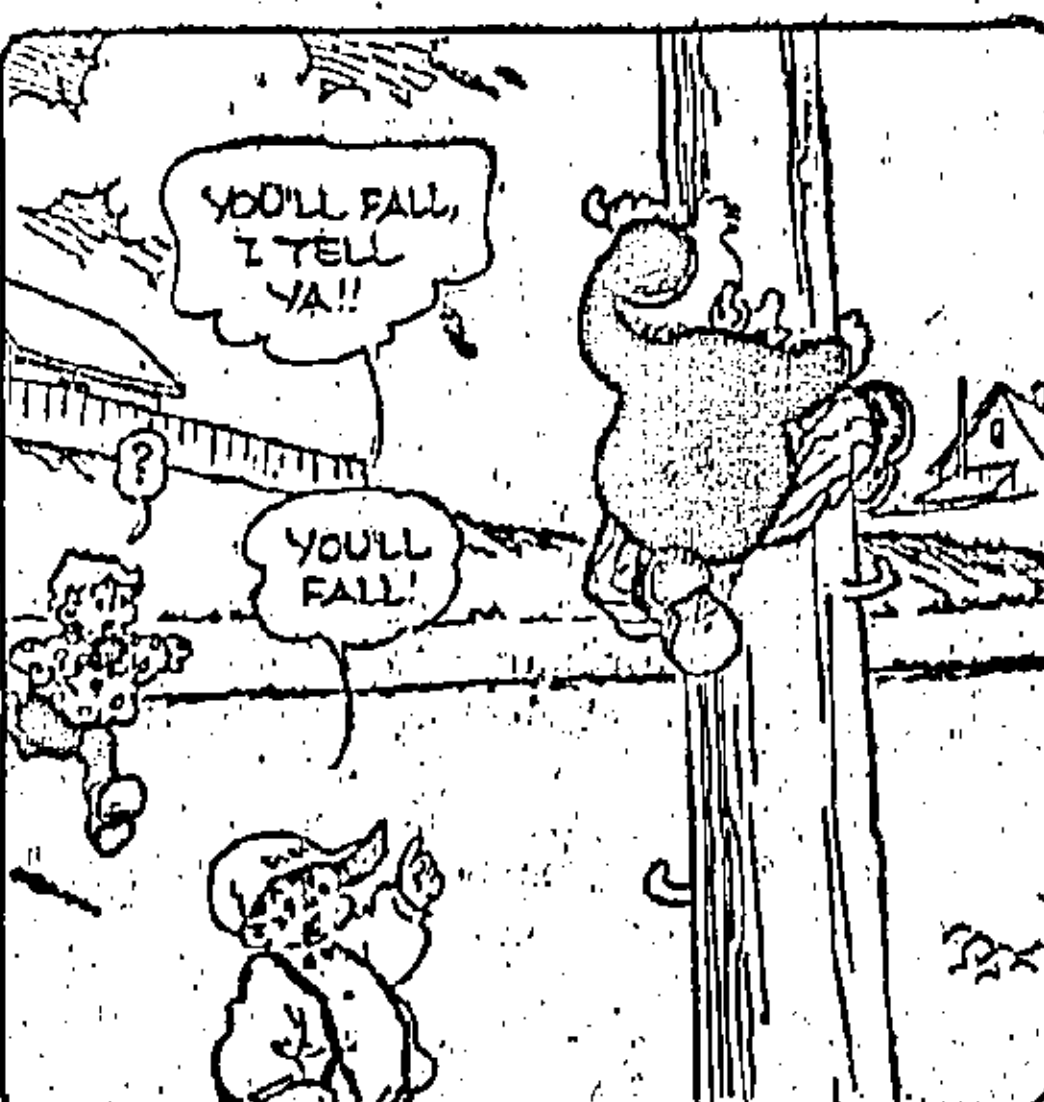
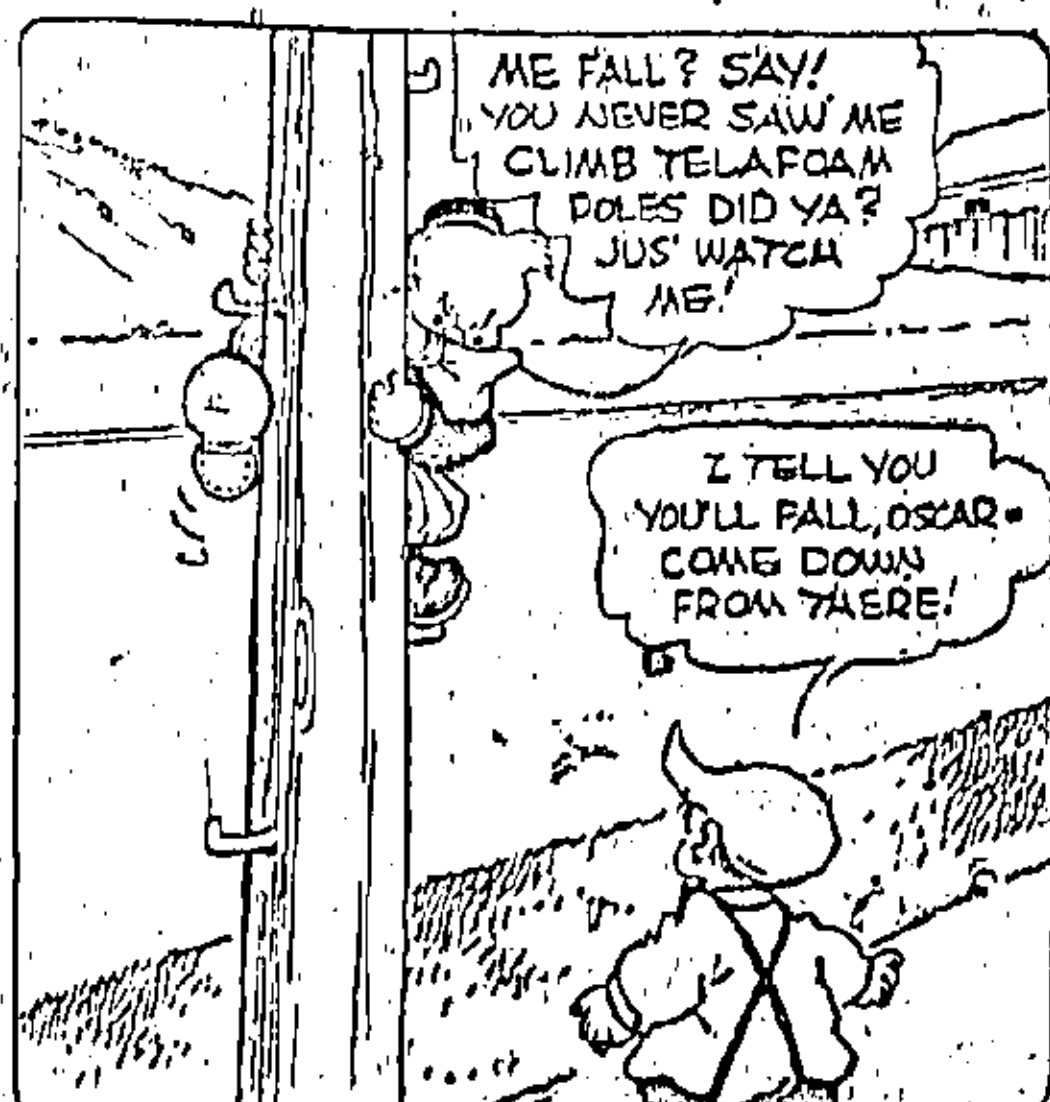
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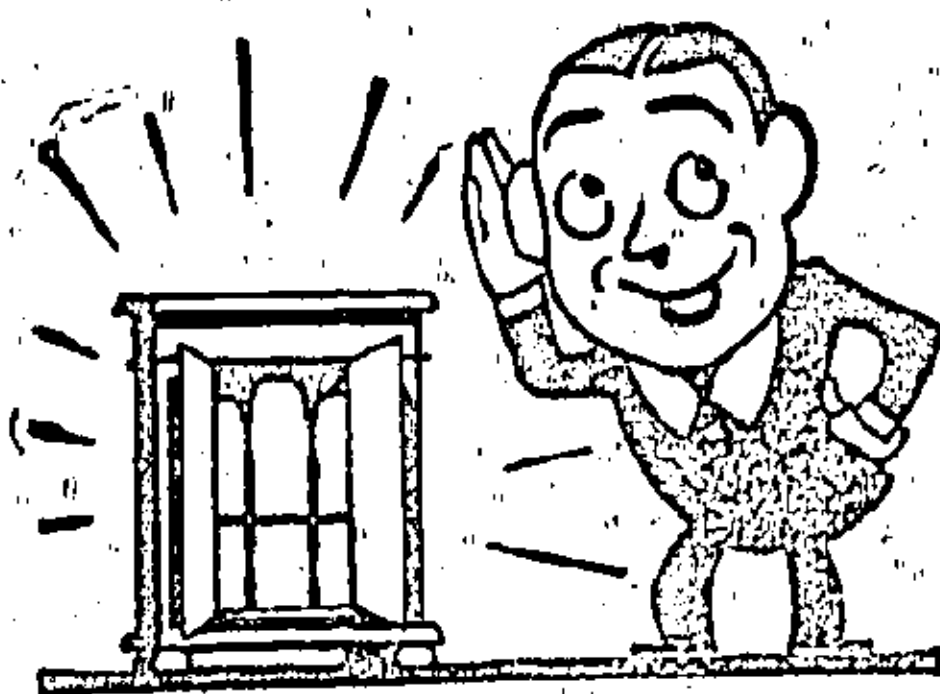
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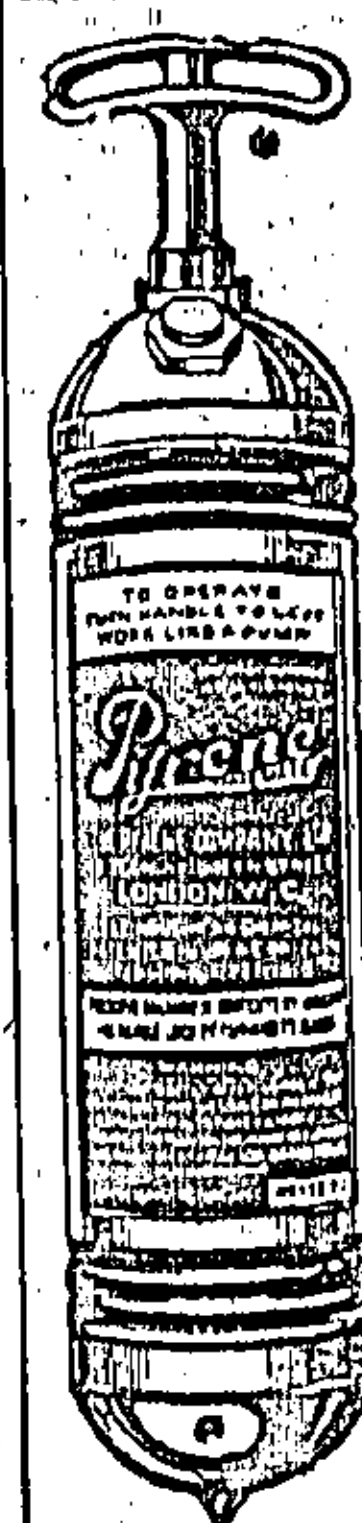
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WISE PRECAUTIONS.

At a time like the present, when there is so much unrest and anti-foreign agitation in various parts of China, it is inevitable that there should be all manner of rumours in circulation here in this Colony regarding the possibility of local trouble. No matter how strict a watch is maintained for the purpose of keeping out undesirable, a few are bound to get through, and past experience has shown that it is the few who, by intimidation and otherwise, influence the many. Whilst there is not the slightest need for anxiety at present, there can be little doubt that there are mischief-makers in our midst, and in view of that fact a wise precautionary measure has been taken by supplementing the ordinary provisions of the law in such a way that greater facilities are given the Government for nipping in the bud any schemes which the agitators may have in contemplation. That, in a word, represents the value of the new regulations which have just been put into force.

Most of the troubles which the Colony has experienced in the past, in the way of social disorder, have been due to the activities of organised bodies or 'agents thereof', and it is well therefore that the authorities should be given, as they now are, the power to prescribe any organisation which has among its aims, or is being used for, the promotion of strikes, disorder or sedition. Henceforth, persons who have in their possession badges, tickets or documents showing that they are associated with any such organisations will render themselves liable to the punishments provided by the Emergency Regulations Ordinance. This particular provision should be of value in tracking down agitators, whilst the regulations against the spread of seditious ideas, either through printed message or spoken word, should also prove of value in offsetting much mischievous propaganda.

As we have already remarked, there is no occasion for alarm, nor is there need to anticipate trouble locally, but it is manifestly desirable that the authorities should be invested with as much power as possible to forestall any evil designs that may be contemplated by the professional agitator. The community generally will best

serve the public interest if they refrain from indulging in idle gossip and make a point of not repeating any rumours they may hear regarding possible unrest. It is the rumour-monger who is the agitator's best ally, and if the public wants to see peace and quietude prevail, citizens individually, no matter what their nationality, can materially assist the Government by going about their ordinary avocations and paying no heed to fanciful stories of impending trouble. Service of a positive character can, however, be rendered to the whole Colony by residents reporting promptly to the authorities any instances of intimidation or other evidences of agitation which may come to their notice. All loyal members of the community should make a point of co-operating in this way for the preservation of peace and order.

Britain's Policy.

It is inevitable that the various political parties of the countries most concerned with the crisis in China should hold varying opinions regarding the best manner of meeting that crisis. In Britain there are those who think that the sending out of the Shanghai Defence Force is a tactical mistake and, according to a Paris telegram received over the week-end, there are divided opinions regarding the merits of a "wait and see" policy and the policy of swift diplomatic action. In some quarters Britain is being criticised for sending forces to Shanghai on the ground that such action will strengthen the hands of the Bolsheviks stirring up mobs and will swamp the scruples of the moderate elements of the Kuomintang who will doubtless be prepared to come to an understanding if time were allowed for the present upheavals to simmer down. Britain has taken the stand that the policy of "wait and see" amounts to nothing more than a policy of drift, and that it is better to make a bold declaration of policy and suggest immediate action by which the causes of the present misunderstandings can be swept away. Too long have the Powers been content with an attitude of indecision—an attitude in which promises do not get fulfilled, and in which dissatisfaction is left to develop into open enmity. Rightly or wrongly—and we think rightly—Britain has decided to be concrete and explicit, substituting definite proposals for nebulous platitudes about friendship and the desire to see China a free, independent, unified and self-governing nation. Britain desires that consummation not a whit less than any other, and is going along the practical road towards it. Apart altogether from the wisdom or foolishness of sending such a large defensive force to Shanghai, we do not see how, if language means anything at all, there can be any quarrel with Britain's submission of definite proposals. There might easily be a difference of opinion as to the merits of their nature, but surely the time has come when proposals of some kind must be made. With matters as they are it would be sheer folly, we think, to do nothing but wait.

STAR THEATRE.

ATTRACTIONS FOR LOCAL SPORTSMEN.

Local sportsmen should make a point of visiting the Star Theatre during the run of the present programme, for they will find in it much that is interesting and engrossing.

Pride of place must be given to the film of the Dempsey-Tunney fight, which took place in Philadelphia before 135,000 spectators. Every round of this grim battle is shown, with one round in slow-motion, depicting the styles of the contestants.

In addition, there are some excellent exhibitions of real boxing between Kid Raymond and Battling Elartino, whilst the big Carl Laemmle film, "The Runaway Express," is full of action and incidentally includes some bar-first fighting.

Walter Gibson, who has been in the water department of Arbroath (Forfarshire) Town Council for 23 years, is still working at 93. His record is to be suitably recognised.

DAY BY DAY.

WHO DARES TO SAY THAT HE ALONE HAS FOUND THE TRUTH?—Longfellow.

The P. and O. liner Mantua, from Singapore, is due here on February 4th at 6 a.m.

The P. and O. liner Devanha, which left Shanghai at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, is due here at 4 p.m. to-day.

The P. and O. s.s. Nellora, which left Singapore at 6 a.m. on Saturday, is due here at noon on February 4th.

The only case of notifiable disease reported over the week-end was one of diphtheria, the sufferer being a Chinese.

Mrs. Black has resigned the post of Hon. Secretary of the St. John's Cathedral Women's Guild, as she is going home on leave, and Mrs. Featherstone has been elected to the post.

Resulting from investigations into the recent armed robbery at Saiyuen Lane, one of the alleged culprits was arrested during the week-end and a part of the property stolen was recovered.

Passengers departing for Europe via ports on Saturday by the Fushimi Maru included Lady Ho Tung and the two Misses Ho Tung, Mr. Rung Roa, Mr. Crooks, Rev. E. Clifford, Mrs. K. E. and S. E. Hau.

To-day's report of the Royal Observatory states that the monsoon will be interrupted to the north of Amoy, but will remain fresh over the China Sea. The local forecast up till noon to-morrow is: "East winds, moderate, fine."

The round-the-world liner Belgenland, which was due to arrive here on February 10th, will, we learn, now arrive here on the 4th, owing to the proposed call and stay at Shanghai having been omitted on account of the present unrest.

St. John's Cathedral organ is now almost completed, and the dedication service of the reconstructed instrument is to take place on February 16th at 6.45 p.m. The total cost of the reconstruction is \$14,000, and of this amount only \$4,000 has so far been raised. Three recitals are to be held during February and March.

In motor taxation a gross sum of £19,632.682 has been paid on cars and cycles in Great Britain during the year which ended November 30 last. Of the 1,519,000 motor vehicles with licenses on that date, 643,000 were cars, 498,000 cycles, 257,000 commercial goods vehicles and 83,000 motor hackneys.

St. John's Cathedral Notes states:—There is still no news of any applicant for the post of Assistant Chaplain at the Cathedral, though every effort is being made at home to secure one. The number of men being ordained in recent years has fallen very considerably, but there are many who wish to be ordained but cannot afford to pay for their own education.

The forthcoming weddings are announced:—Mr. Hubert Hope Hasham, electrical engineer, residing at the Kowloon Y.M.C.A., to Miss Yadya Anthonovana, of the Astor House, Shanghai, Mr. Woo Yee Tak, merchant, No. 307, Des Voeux Road Central, to Miss Mabel Wong, 466, Nathan Road, Kowloon; Mr. Mingshek Jim Hang Law, of No. 8, Ashley Road, Kowloon, to Miss Irene Lucy Mary Lim, No. 335, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The s.s. Haiching of the Douglas Line arrived yesterday morning with a large number of missionaries from Poochow and inland stations. Among these were the Revs. Gutteriez, Colomb, Murphy, Warner, O'Donnell, Werner, Berlane, Corran and Grace. Many of these had travelled overland from stations more than 200 miles inland. There were also many American ladies on board, most of whom were from inland districts, among these being the Misses D. and A. Jones, Reik, Witham, Bartlett, Wilcox and Stumpe. Mr. and Mrs. D'Oliveira and Dr. Ruth Hennevey were also on board.

Miss Winifred Guy, whose collection representing the poster art of the world was shown at the Whitechapel Art Gallery for three months in 1924 and 1925, is taking the exhibition to Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

CITY FIRE.

SMALL OUTBREAK IN EXCHANGE BUILDING.

An alarm of fire was given last evening from the new Exchange Building, in Des Voeux Road, causing not a little excitement. Fortunately, the outbreak proved to be a small one and was quickly got under control.

Soon after 8.30 p.m., a Chinese servant in the employ of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, noticed that smoke was issuing from an office on the fourth floor, occupied by the American Milk Products Company. The alarm was given and caused something like a general exodus from the Restaurant of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., on the first floor. There was a very prompt turn-out of the Fire Brigade, appliances coming up from Kennedy Town and Wanchai as well as from Central.

On investigation, it was discovered that the fire was confined to the offices of the American Milk Products Company and that, although there was a tremendous amount of smoke, the fire itself was of small proportions. The building is equipped with its own fire-fighting service and, as there was a good pressure of water in this, there was no need for any assistance from the Brigade engines. The fire was quickly extinguished, not much damage being done beyond the burning of some office furniture, and packing cases. It is presumed that the fire originated through the careless throwing down of a cigarette end.

There was a little damage done by water, but on the lower floors, occupied by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., the damage was only infinitesimal.

HONGKONG IMPORTS.

EFFECT OF CHINESE NEW YEAR.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—There is nothing new to report, enquiry slackening off on the approach of the Chinese New Year holidays. Deliveries show no improvement since last reporting. Little change has taken place in the cost of the raw material but both sorts are slightly higher, the latest quotations being those of the 26th inst. Eg. Sakel 13.70d. Mid. Amer. "Spot" 7.20d.

Cotton Yarn.—There is no change in the situation of our market and no business of any importance has taken place. Quotations are purely nominal.—No. 10s. \$140/160. No. 12s. \$145/165. No. 16s. \$160/170. No. 20s. \$175/180. Arrivals 100 bales. Shipments Nil. Sales Nil. Unsold stock 14,000 bales. Bargains 12,000 bales.

Woolens.—Market steady and but for uncertainty of political situation a good business would be possible.

Raw Cotton.—No business to report.

Metals.—With the improvement in exchange there has been a decline in prices but business is dull on account of the approach of Chinese New Year.

Flour Market Report.—Stocks: About 900,000 bags of all sorts. Market: Weak, owing to the approach of the Chinese New Year holidays. Quotations:—American Patent, \$4.35-4.50 per sack; American Straight, \$3.25-3.50 per sack; American Cut off, \$3.40-3.60 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$3.70-3.85 per sack; Canadian Cut off, \$3.35-3.40 per sack; Canadian Straight, \$3.25-3.35 per sack; Canadian Mixture, 3.20 per sack; Canadian 2nd Clear, \$3.10-3.25 per sack.

Sugar.—Market quiet.

Saltpetre.—Very little doing owing to approaching China New Year.

PROF. LANGSNER.

TO-NIGHT'S EXHIBITION.

Professor Maximilian Langsner, the eminent psychologist, who is passenger on the President Harrison en route to his home in Vienna, is to present his farewell performance at the Queen's Theatre to-night at 9.15, when he will demonstrate his powers of hypnotism, telepathy and magnetism.

The Professor will perform feats in telepathy that are said to be beyond belief. While blindfolded the Professor will find the tiniest of articles hidden in any part of the theatre; he will deliver letters to persons in the audience whose identity and location are unknown to him; he will show how it is possible to detect criminals, by solving a murder mystery; and perform other sensational feats that will entertain, instruct and amuse. Those who are interested in mystery presentations, will find the performance of Professor Langsner a very enjoyable one.

The Very Idea!

Will do plain sewing for pedigree police dog.—Exchange column in a San Francisco paper.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Chronister a fine boy Wednesday morning. After the baby was born he went down-town and the boys celebrated the occasion by burning his hat.—Missouri paper.

He chased a car that passed him by. Ah, that was indiscreet. 'Cause when he finally caught it, it was three blocks past his street.

More "howlers":—Scriveners were old typewriters. The climate of France is slightly rocky and full of chalk. P.M.G. means afternoon Greenwich. K.G. means King of Greece.

Policeman at North London: He has been fined for excessive speed. Motorist (indignantly): Indeed, I have not. I was summoned for exceeding the speed limit, which is a minor offence.

Midland magistrate: Why don't you work? Youth: Because I find it easier to get on without.

Military and Civic Guards have discovered an extensive dump of explosives and arms hidden in a double wall in the mountainous district of Donoghmore, twelve miles from Cork. Bayonets, swords, and machine-gun parts were found in barrels of oil. No arrests have been made.

In "Judges and the Judged," Mr. Charles Kingston tells many good stories.

"Who is George Robey?" asked Mr. Justice (now Lord) Darling of counsel. "He is the darling of the music-halls," answered another counsel, who is now Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C.

Mr. Kingston considers this the most perfect impromptu he has ever heard in a court of justice.

There is a pleasant maliciousness about the retort of counsel who had been bowled out by a judge "not so often sure of his facts."

With a slight bow in the direction of the judge he said: "Your lordship is right and I am wrong, as your lordship generally is."

And here is another of which Lord Darling was the victim.

"It's no use your pursuing that line of argument," he had barked out at a rising junior, "for what you say goes in at one ear and out of the other!"

"What is there to prevent it, my lord?" was the answer which set the court in a roar.

Mr. Ivan Edward Snell, the Metropolitan magistrate, who sits at North London Court, was fined £4 at the Kingston-on-Thames Police Court for exceeding the motor-car speed limit on the Portsmouth road at Cobham.

The police stated that his speed over a measured control was 40 miles 314 yards an hour.

Mr. Snell did not appear, but sent a letter to the magistrates in which, according to the chairman, he admitted travelling at thirty-two miles an hour.

POLICE STOP FILM SCENE.

REAL SERGEANT CHECKS ACTOR CONSTABLE.

The police ban on a scene in "London After Dark" film series, being "shot" in a street in Seven Dials has led to that part of the picture being held up, and some of it may have to be "cut."

Mr. H. B. Parkinson, the producer, explained the incident:

"One of the actors," he said, "took the part of a policeman, and the portion we were about to film dealt with the history of the neighbourhood and the great changes for the better since the old 'Peeler' days."

"To our amazement, a sergeant told us we must stop, as we were using a policeman's uniform. I protested, but he said we were breaking the law and must stop."

"He took the names and addresses of myself, the photographer, and the man wearing the uniform. There was nothing for it but to pack up our things and return to the studio."

Mr. Parkinson said he did not know whether they were to be summoned or not.

WATERBOAT COMPANY.

TO-DAY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The twenty-second annual general meeting of shareholders of the Union Water Boat Company, Limited, was held in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Company this morning, Mr. T. G. Weill presiding. Those present in addition to Mr. Weill were the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. A. L. Shields, and Mr. S. Kinoshita, (members of the Consulting Committee), and Mr. D. Da Sousa, secretary. Shareholders present were Mr. F. Syme Thomson, Mr. L. G. S. Dodwell, Mr. R. M. Smith, Mr. G. R. Edwards, Mr. A. D. Humphreys, Mr. C. Mose, Mr. Van Epps, and Mr. O. F. Ribeiro.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

After reading the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen.—As the report and accounts have been circulated to shareholders, I propose, as customary, to take them as read.

After writing down value of your fleet of waterboats and launch on approximately the same scale as in the past to the extent of \$15,000 as recommended by the Consulting Committee there remains, with the balance brought in from last account, the sum of \$61,232.38 for appropriation.

It is proposed to make the following allocations:—Pay a dividend of \$1.25 on 27,723 shares, \$34,653.75; add to Insurance Fund \$5,000; add to Special Repairs, \$5,000; carry forward, \$5,633.63; which I hope will have your approval.

ABNORMAL YEAR.

Once more the year under review has been abnormal and the number of ships visiting Hongkong has been below the average. The tonnage of water supplied amounted to 500,000 tons, being only slightly better than 1925 and about 120,000 tons less than 1924. Economies have been effected, notably in fuel, with the result that the working profit at \$53,466.55 is about \$12,000 more than in 1924. Your fleet has been maintained in good condition but repairs to the older boats are necessarily more costly, hence our appropriation of \$5,000 for special overhauls.

It is recommended that Insurance Fund be increased to \$65,000 by the addition of \$5,000 which is considered a wise precaution in view of the age of part of your fleet making it impossible to fully insure in case of total loss. The Government basin at Lai Chi Kok is now in operation and is a great improvement over our previous temporary plying.

You will notice the comparatively large sum we have accumulated in liquid assets which may call for explanation. Five of your boats and the launch are well over twenty years old and a rebuilding programme will be necessary as soon as the present troublous state of affairs is over. The assets stored up will meet the replacement of only three boats.

WATER COSTS MORE.

Those of you who read the Budget speech for 1927 will have observed that the Government has increased the cost of water supplied to waterboats from 50 cents to \$1 per 1,000 gallons. In consequence, it has been necessary to make an increase in our charge for water of 10 cents per ton and although this does not fully recompense the Company we are hoping that increased demand and economies may enable us to show as good returns as in the past. This policy has been adopted in view of the very difficult times through which the shipping of this part of the world is passing.

I don't think there are any other points calling for comment and I therefore propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Van Epps seconded and the report was carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The Chairman.—During the year Mr. T. G. Weill resigned from the Consulting Committee on leaving the Colony, and Mr. C. F. J. Quarles van Ufford has been invited to join the Committee. This appointment requires confirmation.

Mr. G. R. Edwards proposed, and Mr. R. M. Smith seconded that the appointment be confirmed, and this was carried.

A proposition, proposed by Mr. Syme Thomson, and seconded by

LOCAL "PANTO."

SATURDAY'S BIG SUCCESS.

In aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, the "Little Red Riding Hood" pantomime, presented by the Little Mimmers and friends at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, was a distinct success, much above children's entertainments of a like character hitherto seen here. There was a kaleidoscope of colour and lively motion in the production, which although conveniently named "Red Riding Hood," served as only a peg whereon to hang a large number of other delightful items, and to bring much delight both to children and adults.

There was very little, it is true, of continuity in the entertainment, but nobody cared about that when fun was provided in such abundance, and when those on the stage enjoyed it as much as anybody else. In the title piece was Robin Hood, (played by Miss A. Tolan with Miss B. Woods as the inevitable maid), and Old Mother Hubbard (played by Mr. T. Murdoch who was really very funny). The little comedy evolved from the conception of a meeting between these two well-known nursery characters constituted one of the chief attractions of the evening.

Mr. A. D. Spoor's was excellent in the part of the Demon Goblind and of the Wolf, and his application of local colour and atmosphere contributed much to a talented performance. As the Fairy Queen, Miss P. Parker was well-chosen for her clear enunciation. Dobbin the Donkey showed a surprisingly amenable disposition, and made his debut on the local stage under favourable circumstances through the offices of Messrs. W. Chester and D. Kelly.

The performance closed with the Orchid Ballet, a colourful and lovely attraction, for which Miss D. O'Keefe and her pupils deserve every credit.

Others in the cast were: Fairy Sunbeam, B. Pestonji, Fairy Mounsey, D. Tolan; Father Xmas, L. Allan; Gummer (the Miser), H. Bryan; Katy (Villager), V. Allan; Johnny Stout, D. de Silva; Mother (a), G. Allan; Friar Tuck, L. Salmon; Little John, L. Tolan; Will Scarlet, D. McKav; Tom Bowling, B. Parker; Sergeant, A. Davison; Volunteers, Messrs. J. Sherhold; J. Walsh, W. Griffiths, W. Clark, J. Godwin, D. de Silva; Hon. FitzClarence, F. Angus; Mascot, F. Climo.

Dancers, B. Woods, B. Climo, S. Mandal, M. Pyne, B. Pestonji, L. Tolan, M. Bryson, A. Steel.

Dignons, B. Parker, A. Jones, P. Cumming, C. Thirwell, P. Climo. Dignies, F. Climo, P. Cumming, D. Cumming; H. Salmon, M. McGaw, B. Parker, C. Thirwell, M. Young, M. Simpson, M. Simpson, V. Thirwell, B. Mayer, B. Pestonji, P. Parker, B. Spaulding, M. Gubbay, B. Climo, S. Mandal, M. Pyne, M. Bryson, Betty Pestonji, L. Tolan, N. May, Mrs. Gay Cumming, assisted by Mrs. Charlton, designed all the dresses, and was also responsible entirely for the production.

Thanks are tendered to the following for assistance in the production of the pantomime:—The A.D.C., the Philharmonic Society, the Committee of the City Hall, the Press, Messdames Charlton, Reeves, Jenner, Tolan, Spaulding, Armend, Hast and Miss Murphy, and Messrs. Spoor, Murdoch, Thirwell, C. Bond, G. Bond, C. Duncan, Reeves, Hutchinson, Jenner, Henderson and "Baptista"; Mrs. Pestonji for invaluable assistance at the piano during both rehearsals and performance, Messrs. G. and C. Bond for lighting effects, Mr. D. Tolan for scenic control and properties, and "Jingle" of the S. C. M. Post for topical lines and lyrics.

Mr. Ray of Hongkong Amusements for cinema, Captain Superintendent of Police for Fire and Police arrangements; Commanding Officer of H. M. S. Hermes for musicians and chorists aids in place of those from H. M. S. Hawkins, ordered to sea; Mr. Nightingale for property aids; Messrs. Laminerts and Messrs. Powells for furniture.

"Jack Tar" in the old days used to tie up his belonging in a handkerchief, but the modern sailor prefers a suitcase. This has been recognised by the Admiralty, who have laid it down that the service pattern suit-cases are to be made of green canvas with leather bindings, and of the following dimensions:—Large: 26in. long, 15in. wide, and 6in. deep. Small: 20in. long, 15in. wide, and 6in. deep. On and after January 1, 1928, no suit-cases will be permitted which exceed the dimensions.

Mr. A. D. Humphreys that Messrs. Linstead and Davis, chartered accountants, be re-elected, was carried.

This was all the business for the meeting, the Chairman remarking that dividend warrants were now ready and could be had on application at the office.

REV. G. R. LINDSAY LEAVING.

IMPENDING DEPARTURE OF ST. ANDREW'S VICAR.

There will be very widespread regret not only in Kowloon but also in the Colony generally at the news that the Revd. G. R. Lindsay, the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, has decided not to return to Kowloon after his home leave which falls due this year and on which he departs in April.

That the news was entirely unexpected is borne out by the announcement which the Vicar makes in this month's St. Andrew's Monthly Messenger. The intimation reads:

"It will come as a surprise to you as it has come as a shock to me," he writes, "that owing to circumstances which have arisen at my home in England, I am unable to return to Kowloon after my furlough this year. We are therefore compelled to change our cherished plans for the future of the work here and to bid you farewell on April 30th."

"These have been seven very happy years. You have been a consistently kind and generous to me and to mine that I do not care even to think of saying good-bye. I simply cannot say what I feel for my roots are so deep in St. Andrew's that I feel almost part of it."

"It has been a privilege indeed to see so many changes and developments in our Church life, but a greater joy still to witness God working in the hearts of men."

"Nevertheless in the light of my departure, a retrospect of one's labours is a humbling experience. One sees so much that one ought to have done. All I can do now is to work away with a will till I leave. I shall have much more to say later, but I ask you to remember the members of the Vestry as they seek to be guided in their choice of my successor."

Arriving in Kowloon during the earlier part of 1920, the Rev. Mr. Lindsay has served for seven years as vicar of St. Andrew's Church and, as he states in his monthly letter, he has seen many changes and developments in the Church life.

Since his arrival he has done much for the social activities of the Church, and has made himself popular with all in the parish. Shortly after his arrival he was instrumental in forming the St. Andrew's Young Men's Association, which has now given place to the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club, an organisation which he materially helped to place on a firm footing.

Mr. Lindsay also took a great interest in matters which did not directly concern the Church. He has served for several years on the committee of the Kowloon Residents Association and during the absence on leave of Mr. B. Wylie, he was elected to represent Kowloon on the Board of Education. On the expiration of the term of office of Mr. Wylie, Mr. Lindsay was appointed a member of the Board for three years.

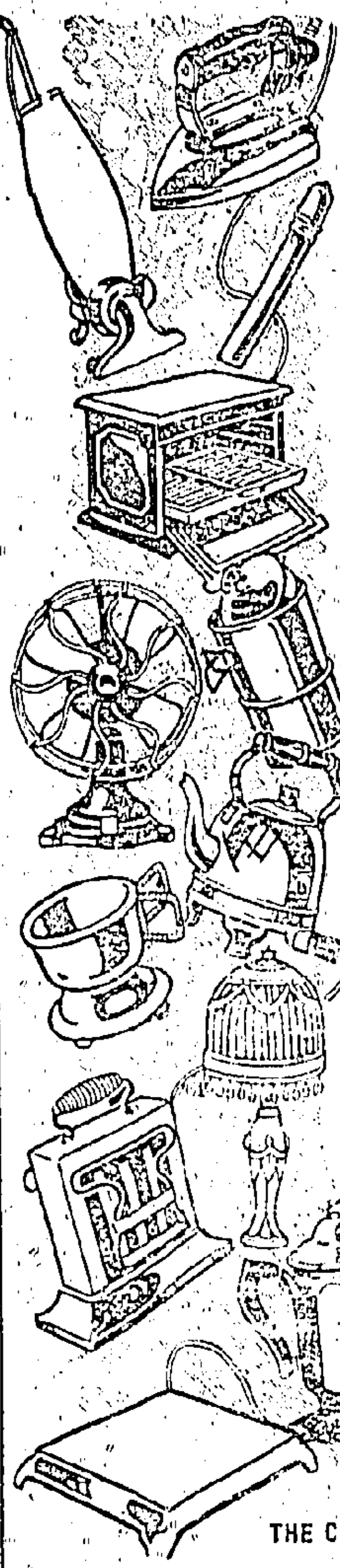
Mr. Lindsay is the brother-in-law of Dr. Gordon Thompson, who was captured by bandits in February 1921, while on his way to Peking after the death of Brig. Gen. Pereira, who died on a journey to Tibet.

Mr. Lindsay will take with him on his departure the affection of all who knew him and the best wishes of all.

Mr. S. H. Logan, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, tells how—before gold was discovered in the Porcupine region of Ontario—he went there with a dog sleigh. He also "grub-staked" some men to go and look for gold; but others told them they "needn't go, as there was nothing there." A little later, a fresh party of prospectors—only two men to begin with—discovered the Hollinger property. This has produced gold to the value of \$20,000,000 in the past 17 years.



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WALKING FEAT.

ROUND THE ISLAND IN 4½ HOURS.

The feat of walking round the motor road on the Island—a distance of about 26 miles—in under four-and-a-half hours, was accomplished yesterday by the Japanese walker, Mr. Akimitsu, who is on a walking tour of the world and also on his way to Antwerp where he is going to compete in the Olympiad.

Starting from Government House soon after nine o'clock, Mr. Akimitsu, who was joined by Mr. Thompson of the Diocesan Boys' School, walked by way of Pokfulam, Repulse Bay, Tytarm, and Shaaukiwan back into town. He was paced by members of the Japanese Boy Scouts, and set off at the very fast rate of eight miles per hour. This he kept up for about half-way round the circuit, Mr. Thompson giving up early on. Without making a single stop, Mr. Akimitsu finished the walk in 4 hours, 22 min. 45 sec., which must easily be the fastest time in which the circuit of the island has been made on foot.

Mr. Akimitsu is leaving for Canton to-morrow, en route for Indo-China.

CHINESE INTERPORT.

FOOTBALLERS ARRIVING THIS MORNING.

The hon. Secretary of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, Shanghai, has cabled the local branch of the Federation notifying them of the departure of the Chinese footballers, who sailed by the President Harrison at 4 p.m. on Friday.

The Chinese Shanghai Interport Football team will be arriving in Hongkong by the President Harrison this morning.

Arrangements have been made for the visitors to stay at the Chinese Y. M. C. A.

The team to represent Southern China in the match between Southern and Eastern China at Sookunpo on Feb. 3 will be:

Pau Ka Ting (C. A. A.); Ng Kam Chun (C. A. A.) and Lal Yuk Tai (C. A. A.); Ko Sik Wai (S. C. A. A.); Wong Siu Wai (S. C. A. A.); Lam Yuk Ying (C. A. A.); Capri; Tso Kwai Shing (C. A. A.); Fung King Chung (S. C. A. A.); Wong Pak Chung, Suen Kam Shun, and Chan Kwong Ju. Reserves.—Tin Yuk On (S. C. A. A.); Leung Wing Tuk (S. C. A. A.); Ip Kai (C. A. A.); Lo Wai man (C. A. A.); Choy Ping Fan (C. A. A.); Li Tin Sang (S. C. A. A.); Fung King Kit (S. C. A. A.) and Ng Po Lan (C. A. A.).

The game between the representatives of the Club de Reccle and the Shanghai Interport team has been definitely fixed for Feb. 13, at the Club ground.

The China Recreation Club will be entertaining the visitors to tea at Causeway Bay at 4 p.m. to-day. Bookings for all games are at present being taken at the South China Athletic Association in China Building, and elsewhere.

LAWN TENNIS.

INTERESTING MATCH AT KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

A return match between Kowloon Cricket Club and H.M.S. Hermes was played on the K. C. C. ground yesterday afternoon and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by 67 runs to 32. It will be remembered that the Hermes won the first match, and it is understood another will be arranged later. The Hermes team were without the services of Lieut. Thison, who has recently arrived in the Colony and is reputed to have a good reputation in Services tennis at home.

The results were as follows: E. C. Fincher and E. P. Fincher (K. C. C.), beat Sparks and Brewerton 8-3, beat Sturges and Turner 11-0, beat Haines and Grant 10-1, a total of 20 games to 4. S. E. Green and W. Hyde (K. C. C.) beat Sparks and Brewerton 11-0, lost to Sturges and Turner 4-7, beat Haines and Grant 9-2, a total of 24 games to 9. N. Trambitsky and C. H. Atkins (K. C. C.) lost to Sparks and Brewerton 4-7, lost to Sturges and Turner 2-9, beat Haines and Grant 8-3, a total of 14 games to 19.

A NEW SCHEME.

UNDERGROUND RAILWAY FOR PRAGUE.

Prague, December 14.—M. Baxa, the Mayor of Prague, has just announced the gift to the State of a most valuable Christmas present, in the form of a well-conceived and technically sound scheme for the establishment of a system of electric underground railways for the city and its suburbs. M. List, a high school teacher at Brno, and M. Belada, a civil engineer, are the originators of the plan, and have laid it gratuitously in the hands of the Municipal Council, or the Tramways Company of Prague.

Numerous attempts have been made in past years on the part of German and American financiers to float similar concerns; but there has been considerable opposition to the idea of using foreign money in city enterprise. To the inhabitants, especially of the outlying districts, this scheme must be very acceptable, in view of the fact that much time is at present wasted in travelling by the only general means of transport, the tram-car. It is estimated that as many as 44,000 passengers will be transported in one hour in the busy parts of the city, and that the electric trains, travelling at an average speed of 23 kilometres an hour, will succeed each other at intervals of one minute. The total cost will, it is thought, be about 110 million Czech crowns. One of the four suggested lines will be laid under the river Moldau; another is expected to link up the three large railway stations, Masaryk, Denis, and Wilson.

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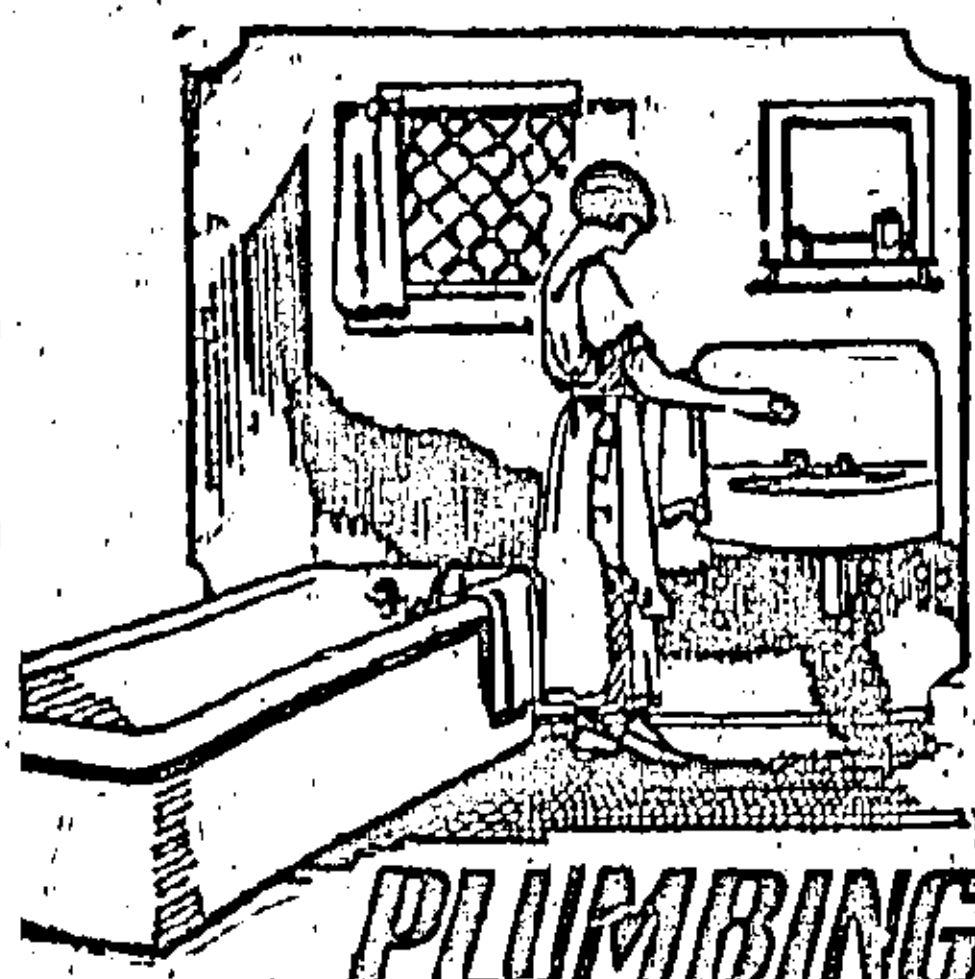
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BRITAIN'S OFFER.

FOREIGN MINISTER'S
SPEECH.

London, Jan. 20.

Speaking at Birmingham, Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasised at the outset that there is no division in the Government as regards policy in China.

He declared British policy has not changed since his speech last year preceding the departure of the Tariff Conference delegates to Peking. He stated that our only wish was for a strong, united, independent, orderly and prosperous China.

"We will contribute all possible. We are ready to meet China halfway, and ready to relinquish our special rights proportionately as the Chinese Government can assure Britishers of the enjoyment of the ordinary rights of foreigners in their country."

Sir Austen said the talk about British imperialism was sheer nonsense.

"We realise no less than the most patriotic Chinese Nationalists that the old treaties are out of date. We have long felt the necessity for a change and hope it will be possible to negotiate thereupon with a China which is under one Central Government."

Sir Austen emphasised that such a Government did not exist to-day, but the demand for treaty revision was so insistent, so fundamentally reasonable, that despite the difficulties involved and the prevailing dissensions, we must try to negotiate with the contending Governments, even amidst civil war. (Cheers.)

Prepared For Change.

The principal changes which the Chinese desire in the old treaty are:

1. The Extraterritorial position of foreigners, who can only be tried in their own courts.
2. The Tariff provisions preventing China from raising the duties on foreign goods.
3. The quasi-independent status of the foreign concessions.

"Britain is prepared for change on all points," said Sir Austen, "because the present system is antiquated, unsuited to modern conditions and no longer provides the necessary security and protection of the peaceful avocations of our merchants."

"Two days ago our representatives laid a proposal before the Chinese authorities of the North and the South, expressing readiness to recognise modern Chinese law courts, without the attendance of a British official, as competent courts for cases brought by British plaintiffs as complainants; also to apply in British courts in China the existing modern Chinese civil and commercial codes, and duly enforcing subordinate legislation. We are prepared to go further still when the Chinese codes and judicial administrations are ready."

To Pay Taxation.

"As regards taxation, we are prepared to make British subjects liable to pay regular Chinese taxation, provided that that does not involve discrimination against British subjects and goods."

Sir Austen pointed out that this would include taxation levied under the National tariff when such tariff law was promulgated, and as far as we alone can effect such object, that will remove the last obstacle to full tariff autonomy.

The Concessions.

"As regards the concessions, we are prepared to enter into local arrangements according to the particular circumstances of each case, either for amalgamation and administration with the adjacent areas under Chinese control, or other method of handing over the administration to the Chinese, while assuring British communities of some voice in municipal matters."

"That is going more than half way, but I am certain it is a right and wise course." We do not ignore the present inconveniences and difficulties, but are thinking of our relations with China for the next century.

Recognition.

"We can enforce these proposals immediately, but there can at present be no new treaty, because a treaty can only be signed and ratified by a recognised Government, and owing to the conditions produced by the civil war we cannot recognise any Government in China as the Government of the whole country."

Sir Austen deprecated loss and unimpaired talk about the recognition of Canton and said: "We cannot recognise the Government of Canton as the government of a part of China only, for that would imply British recognition of the division of China. Equally we cannot recognise Canton as the Government of all China, for that does not accord with facts, since the Cantonese control barely a

third of China, either of population or area."

"We declined to interfere with Chinese neutrality. The Chinese alone must settle with Government they shall have." (Cheers.)

Sir Austen drew attention to the difficulties created in dealing with the claims of the Nationalists by the fact that they had deliberately and persistently used an anti-British wavery to rally their adherents. He said that in the past century we were pioneers in China. It was our efforts, which opened China to foreign trade, as the result of the so-called opium war.

The Treaty System.

The Foreign Minister pointed out: "We are the principal architects of the treaty system, whereunder it is possible for merchants belonging to one civilisation to trade with another civilisation profoundly different. We are regarded as the principal upholders of this system in recent years, when it is becoming obvious that the system itself is growing antiquated, and alien influences have not hesitated to preach to the Chinese that we are more responsible than their own dissensions or any other nation for all the ills from which the Chinese suffer. This anti-British cry has been up taken by the powerful Nationalist party and is undoubtedly the most dangerous factor in our relations with China at present. It remains to be seen whether the Government which claims to represent the Chinese Nationalist Party is willing and able to control the mob element insofar as its activities affect our relations with the Chinese people."

Untruths.

Even a respectable body like the Professors of Peking University lent their name to the calumny that the Marines killed Chinese during that riot. "That is untrue, The Nationalist Government itself knows it is untrue."

The seizure of the British concession was an outrageous and unjustifiable attack upon the long established rights of a peaceful British community. (Cheers.) It was clear that there was no guarantee of the safety of British lives in Chinese cities under the authority of the Nationalist Government in the present revolutionary state of affairs.

Sir Austen recalled that the year 1925 provided the anti-British propaganda with the kind of material they required. For example, the Shanghai police, over whom Britain had no control, were forced to fire in consequence of mob violence and the incident was represented as an act of British aggression. Similarly, at the Anglo-French concession at Canton, the troops fired in self defence, and only a part of the force was British.

Sir Austen said the very friendly attitude of Britain towards China, revealed at Washington and elsewhere, was brushed aside. He referred to the boycott which continued at Canton long after it had ceased in the north. The anti-British agitation spread to Central China when the Cantonese, extended their authority there, which culminated in the Hankow affair, following an inflammatory speech by Borodin, their chief Russian adviser and others. Sir Austen paid tribute to the restraint of the British Marines in the face of provocation and declared that doubtless mob violence was designed to provoke the British to fire on unarmed Chinese and lead to an incident such as would arouse all China and feed the flames of anti-British feeling.

Defence of Shanghai.

Sir Austen said he hoped and believed that no threat of bloodshed and massacre hangs upon Shanghai, but it would be a dereliction of duty, after what had happened at Hankow, to leave Shanghai without effective protection. (Cheers.)

"We must have a force sufficient to protect them if danger arises, and if such force is sent at all it must equal all calls that might be made upon it. The composition of the force itself is a guarantee that it is only intended for strictly defensive purposes." He hoped occasion for its use would not arise. (Cheers.)

"We had no intention to hold Shanghai if we can obtain satisfactory assurances that the incidents at Hankow won't be repeated there. Therefore the military movements which all the papers and provide pictures for the picture page are pure precaution. The Government won't be deflected from its policy of patient conciliation; nor will the efforts slacken or cease."

Mr. Chen's Statement.

Sir Austen Chamberlain heartily welcomed and respected Mr. Eugene Chen's desire for a settlement of treaty and cognate questions on the basis of economic equality and mutual respect of each other's political and territorial sovereignty. He considerably refrained from contravening Mr. Chen's account of what past history reflected.

"China for the Chinese is a reasonable cry. We have nothing

to say against it (Cheers). But 'Kill the British' and 'drive out the British' are the ravings of mad hatred. It is not thus you can deal with this country or the British Empire. (Loud cheers). We are ready to assist Mr. Chen and any other Chinese authorities who on their side are ready to show a disposition to deal in a statesmanlike and conciliatory way with the serious difficulties arising from the revolutionary period of development and change. We have none but the friendliest feelings towards all Chinese who are prepared to meet us in similar spirit."

Respect And Friendship.

Sir Austen hoped the Chinese would discuss the proposals and exchange views in accordance with the methods customary among civilised nations.

"I earnestly trust no further incidents will mar the prospect of peaceful settlement. We are bound to protect our nationals and have taken the measures necessary to discharge the primary duty of every nation, but hope our present liberal policy will place relations on a permanent basis of mutual respect and friendship. (Loud cheers).—*Reuter.*

Home Comment.

Rueby, Jan. 20.

Referring to the Chinese problem, Mr. Walter Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, last night said: "The British Government has no aggressive motives, no lust of conquest, and no desire to damp down the national ardour and aspirations of the Chinese nation."

"The military and naval action has been taken by us simply to protect those whom it is our duty and obligation to protect."

"We are at the same time doing all we can to arrive at a possible solution with any body in China which can be said to exercise responsible government in any part of the country."

"The Chinese nation have perfectly legitimate aspirations for greater freedom and a perfect right to ask that existing Treaties should be revised and that greater independence shall be given to them."

"We entirely sympathise with those demands, but while we are ready to consider revisions of the Treaties, we must have some understanding that China will carry out the ordinary obligations of civilisation to our subjects."—*British Wireless.*

Advice to Both Sides.

London, Jan. 20.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, speaking at Davenry, resented the Conservative newspapers' misrepresentation of Labour's policy toward China, and declared: "Our simple task is to get Chinese nationally recognised, and extricate ourselves from the present position, without the intervention of mobs or arms."

Mr. MacDonald apostrophised Mr. Chen as follows: "Your Nationalist demands have our complete support, but if you cannot control mobs, no effort of ours can prevent trouble, or keep your Nationalist demands in the foreground, therefore, negotiate unceasingly."

To the British Government, Mr. MacDonald would say, "Face the facts. Treat China as you do Japan. Get out of the entanglement of imposed treaties. Your Christmas memorandum was good. Your declaration of January 23 is excellent."

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Birmingham, said Sir Austen Chamberlain had shown real courage, moderation, and considerable wisdom in the general solution to the problem was wise and prompt concession to the legitimate Chinese demands. The Government should protect British lives as far as humanly possible, but should not be led into expeditions to the interior.—*Reuter.*

French Opinion.

Paris, Jan. 20.

Opinion in France appears to be divided with regard to the respective merits of the policy of wait and see and the policy of swift diplomatic action in China.

The former is advocated in the *Matin* by M. Jules Sauerwein, who suggests that there are moderate elements within the Kuomintang who are ready to negotiate on the basis of the British Memorandum.

Britain, by sending forces to Shanghai, is strengthening the hands of the Bolsheviks, who are trying to stir up the mob and swamp the scruples of the moderates.

If all the Powers maintained the love-hattedness shown by France, Japan and America it would be a simple matter to come to an understanding with the moderates in the Canton Government, provided they were treated fairly.

The League of Nations might take the initiative in studying the Chinese question. On the other hand, the *Ocean* declares that France ought to follow the example of Britain and negotiate simultaneously with Peking and Canton to renounce privileges which can no longer be upheld.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN FILM CRISIS.

QUESTION OF MONEY AND MERIT.

Berlin, December 9.—The German film is once more threatened with a financial crisis, which makes a drastic reduction of capital necessary in the chief producing company, Ufa, coupled with complete reorganisation all round.

This is disquieting news to those Germans who were loud in their outcry last year that American financial help would completely swamp the German element in the national film production. The Americans gave a loan and obtained conditions for import which have been welcome to the general public. To-day Berlin, once the dumping ground of the five-year-old film, sees the latest American productions before London, and the strict conditions regulating these imports—a fifty-fifty basis for both countries—have not hindered German production.

One point about this quota system, as it has been worked hitherto, has been the disadvantage of German production; for the first year it was agreed that German films of the past two years should be included in those submitted for the "quota." Actual production has, therefore, this past year, not been at the same rate as the American import. But this was perhaps advisable under the pecuniary circumstances.

The most important factor is the outstanding lesson learnt by America; that German audiences refuse to accept anything but the very best. Many boomed sentimental successes have proved themselves complete failures in Berlin. It may safely be said that only the great humorous artists—Chaplain at the head, with Harold Lloyd and Buster Keaton—have any real following among the Germans, who prefer their own national stars in acting parts.

The Americans, then, have not ruined the German film industry, but their money has not yet saved it. The Ufa has been subsidised, not, as so often stated, by the Government, but by the "Deutsche Bank," which apparently regards the fortunes of the German film as a matter of national prestige. The trouble lies further back—in the difficulties of readjusting conditions that set in with the stabilisation of the mark—to those which existed during its inflation, when everybody invested in larger plant and indulged in the wildest schemes of expansion. Crippled by big debts arising out of the dreams of this period, and certainly ill-advised on reorganisation by Americans, who wanted theatres rebuilt and newly-equipped and provided with vaudeville attractions on the latest and most extravagant scale, the infant German film industry of to-day is a rickety subject indeed. It can be cured, for the simple reason that it is well loved at home by a people whose taste is sometimes bizarre but always cultivated, and which will not accept an American substitute unless provided with quite peculiarly excellent qualities.

Two ambitious at the outset, Germany's films as exports have only just begun to pay. "The Waltz Dream" and "Vaudeville" are big successes; "Fau" is a thing of promise; the "Nibelungen," finished before the mark was stabilised, was only an artistic success abroad. Carried on from the first financial breakdown, "Metropolis," a film which must act as a nightmare to its producers, should act as a warning to the ambitious. Estimated to cost one-and-a-half million gold marks, this film, due for release shortly, has now cost six millions. Whatever its international success may be, it can never be made to pay. The first film to be produced by Americans and Germans together, "The Last Dream," is not yet finished.

American Policy.

New York, Jan. 20.

Suggestions that American nationals withdraw from China as the sequel to Mr. Kellogg's statement on China have been reaching the White House and have now elicited the reminder therefrom that American citizens went to China lawfully and are therefore entitled to their Government's protection if needed.

Mr. Coolidge does not know why they should be asked to leave their property and business and it is emphasised in Washington that it will be forthcoming on their behalf if required.

The opinion is expressed in New York that the reminder virtually notifies Americans to remain in

THE DETECTION OF CRIME.

ONE IMPORTANT AID.

It is a well-known fact that, if light is refracted through a glass prism, the colour visible at one end of the resulting spectrum is violet. If, however, the glass prism is replaced by a quartz prism, and if the spectrum is fixed by a photographic plate, the spectrum will be seen to extend far beyond its former limit, which, in fact, means that the rays beyond violet—the "ultra-violet rays"—are invisible to the unaided human eye.

These ultra-violet rays whose wave lengths are less than 310 millimicrons of a millimetre exercise a powerful chemical action which can be utilised for medical and other purposes. Considerable curative effects are obtainable by means of the so-called Artificial Mountain Sun Lamp ("Kunstliche Hohen Sonne"), the essential part of which is the quartz lamp invented in 1906 by the Hanau scientist Dr. Kuch and constituting a most prolific source of ultra-violet energy.

The same manufacturers—Hanauer Quarzlampe-Gesellschaft—to whom medical science is indebted for the Mountain Sun Lamp have now brought out an apparatus which should prove of great benefit in the detection of crime and in connection with tests of material. It is called by them Analysing Apparatus ("Analysen Apparat") and is also based on the principle of the ultra-violet rays. Chemical tests had already been carried out in certain laboratories with various somewhat primitive appliances likewise modelled on the quartz lamp, but it is only since the invention of the Analysing Apparatus just described that the results achieved may be said to be really satisfactory.

The new Hanau apparatus is fitted with the powerful "Mountain Sun" burner of the quartz lamp, which is provided with a dark window made of glass. The glass is almost black, but it nevertheless allows a sufficient amount of ultra violet rays to pass through. Below the dark window there is a space where the testing material may be conveniently exposed.

If, for instance, various samples of paper which, although they look exactly alike to the human eye, are of different origin, are exposed to the rays, they produce altogether different colour effects (blue, red, yellow, etc.), thus evidencing that they are not of like origin. In this way it is very easy to detect forgeries of bank notes, stamps, shares, and similar objects. The paper used for the genuine articles displays a certain shade of colour which the paper used for the forged articles cannot possibly show unless it is of identical origin with the former.

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Especially suitable as the Analysing Apparatus is in the detection of forgeries, it is no less useful to the police in regard to the investigation of crime. For instance, blood stains and other stains, invisible to the naked eye, become distinctly visible when exposed to the quartz lamp.

The invention of the Analysing Apparatus, therefore, is bound to greatly safeguard the traffic in valuables and documents, and to render considerable aid to the police authorities in the detection of crime.—*Dr. O. Dahms.*

China. It is featured in the morning papers together with a long statement by the Chinese Minister protesting against military expeditions to China as "provocative and dangerous."—*Reuter's American Service.*

American Displeasure.

Washington, Jan. 20. According to a report, displeasure is felt in American official circles at Mr. See demanding a more explicit and simplified statement of American purposes in China.

State Department officials, however, refuse directly to comment on the incident.—*Reuter's American Service.*



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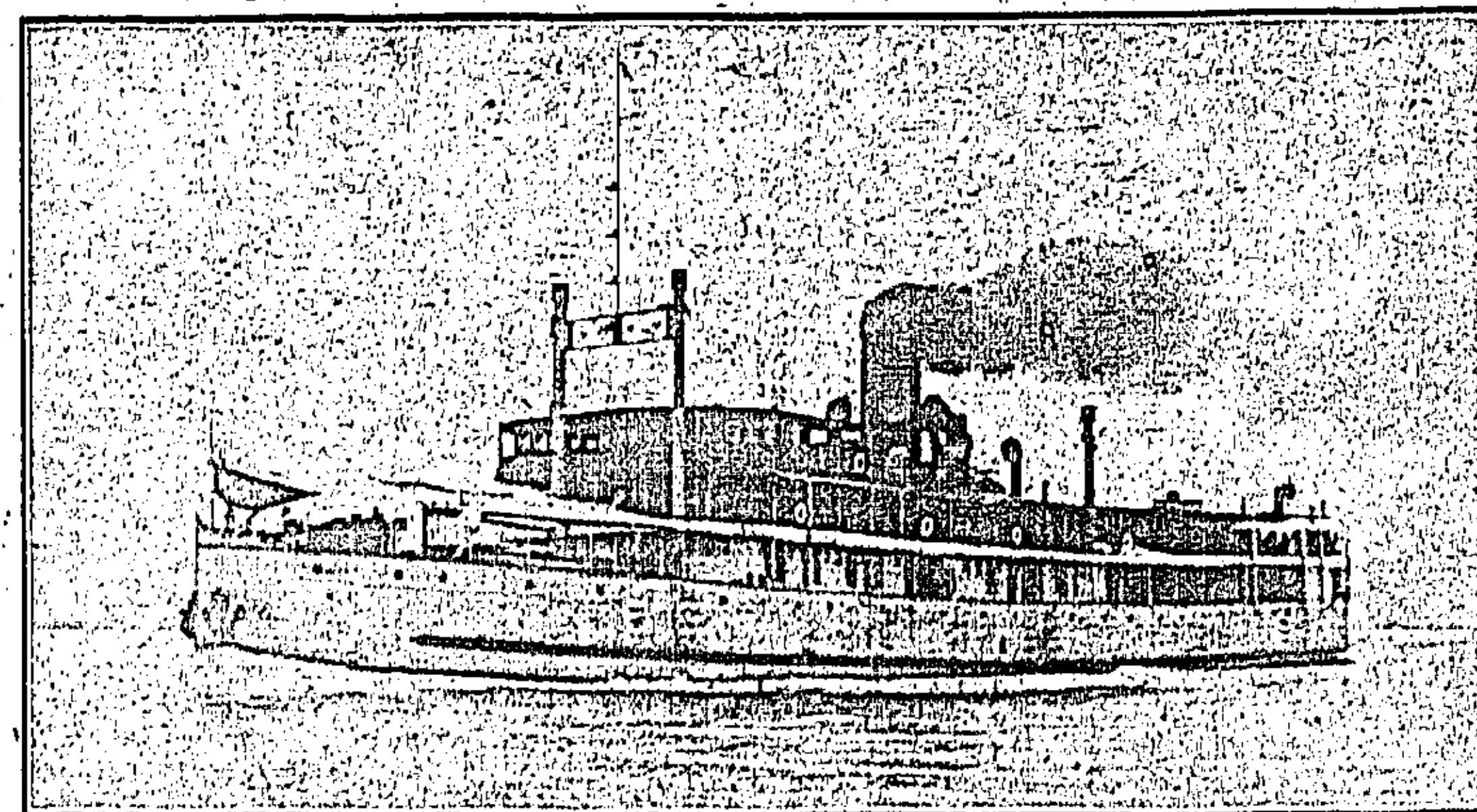
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LABOUR AND THE PRINCE.

OPPOSITION TO A LINCOLN VISIT.

Increased by exclusion from the Aldermanic bench and contending that they have not adequate representation on certain committees, the Labour members, who comprise nearly half the Lincoln City Council, in order to draw further attention to their grievances, protested with some heat, at the meeting of the Council, against an invitation being extended to the Prince of Wales to open the new Usher Art Gallery at Lincoln, next May.

The chief spokesman of the Labour group, Councillor C. Snook, said had no personal feelings against the Prince, who was entitled to the same respect as an ordinary citizen—rather did he sympathise with the Prince, whom he thought was a victim of circumstances—but if he were the lovable young man he was supposed to be, it would not be fair to invite him down to open this Gallery when the Committee responsible for its running was not a harmonious family.

Another Labour member (Councillor J. K. Fox) said that if the Prince's visit meant spending money on show and that kind of thing, he was not going to support it. If they had any money to spend, there were plenty of poor people in the city to give it to.

Despite the Labour opposition, it was decided to proceed with the arrangements for the Prince's visit.

DEFENCE OF SHANGHAI.

U. S. CRUISERS.

Washington, Jan. 29.
 The cruisers Maryland, Cincinnati and Richmond have been sent to Honolulu to await further orders.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Departure From Southampton.

London, Jan. 29.
 There were a number of armoured cars on the railway sidings and other warlike equipment on all sides, but there was a marked absence of public demonstrations at Southampton yesterday during the departure of 2,000 troops to China.

The Green Howards, commanded by Lieut.-Colonel McCall, in the Asquith and the First Devonshires, under Colonel Scafe, in the Kildonan Castle, departed in a choppy sea and high wind, the Tommies cheering lustily.—*Reuter.*

Coldstreams Leave.

London, Jan. 29.
 A great farewell was given the Second Coldstreams upon their departure for the Far East.

For the first time in their history, the Guards are going East of Suez.

An hour before the parade, officers and men stood in little groups in the square at Wellington Barracks chatting with their womenfolk. The Guards, wearing khaki, carried sun helmets, steel helmets and kitbags.

There was no ceremonial and no farewell address. The Battalion marched off as if merely proceeding on a route march, headed by the bands of the Coldstream and Scots Guards, which played many old favourites, notably "Tipperary."

Thousands of cheering spectators lined the route to Waterloo, where the guards entrained for Southampton.

The reservists wonderfully responded to the call to the colours. For instance, of 416 Middlesex reservists, only one was an absentee.—*Reuter.*

A Post Office.

London, Jan. 29.
 Two batteries of mechanised artillery have been ordered to stand by in case they are wanted to supplement the pack artillery going to China.

The 21st Battery of the Fourth Pack Brigade, which is the principal arm of the artillery of the Shanghai Defence Force, has gone from Norwich to the Albert Docks, where it is embarking on the Hermin's.

It is expected that the 15th and 20th Batteries will leave Norwich next week.

A sergeant and two sappers, the advance guard of the Army Postal Service, are travelling with the Coldstreams. This is the first time an Army post office has gone farther than South Africa.—*Reuter.*

German Volunteers.

Cologne, Jan. 29.
 Numerous Germans are enquiring where they can enlist in the Shanghai Defence Force to "serve with the British for the war in China." They are astonished when informed that there is no likelihood of war, and more astonished that a "Foreign Legion" does not exist in Britain.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN CABINET.

APPOINTMENT VETOED.

Berlin, Jan. 29.
 President Hindenburg has taken the unusual step of vetoing the appointment of the Minister for Justice, the German National Herr Graef, in view of strong representations from the Centre, especially ex-Chancellor Wirth. Her Graef, when Vice-President of the Reichstag, refused to be introduced to President Ebert. A reshuffle of the Cabinet is therefore necessary. Reputable Democratic circles are very greatly dissatisfied with the Cabinet.—*Reuter.*

Disliked by French Press.

Paris, Jan. 29.
 The newspapers unanimously had the new German Cabinet as being of the most reactionary political complexion of any since the war.—*Reuter.*

London, Dec. 30.—A phenomenal snowstorm has necessitated the use of aeroplanes to convey supplies of food and comforts to passengers who have been stranded in a train on the Madrid-Abacete line, which has been blocked by snow to a depth of five feet. Relief trains were unable to clear the line and they were forced to return to avoid becoming fast in the snow, which has been falling so thickly that rescue work is becoming increasingly more difficult.

CHINESE CHRISTIANS.

REMARKABLE WORK IN NEW TERRITORIES.

An eloquent appeal for assistance in establishing Christian work in the New Territories among the Chinese was made by Mr. Liu Pak Shing, of Lo Wu, New Territories, at the Kowloon Union Church last evening.

Mr. Liu, whose remarks were interpreted by the Rev. H. R. Wills, O. B. E. explained he became a Christian twenty years ago, and as a result he earned the hatred of his relatives and friends, and was forced to leave his village. In a small hut on the hillside he started to teach Christianity, and since its commencement the movement had grown until at the present time more and better accommodation was needed. He contrasted the Union Church with the scene of his labours, and appealed for assistance in the work he was carrying out.

Mr. Wills remarked he had known Mr. Liu for between twelve and fifteen years, and he had done a remarkable work. The Rev. J. Horace Johnston, who conducted the service, spoke in support of the appeal, and intimated that surplus Sunday School funds would be devoted to the work, with collections, through the Hongkong and New Territories Evangelistic Society.

DISASTROUS GALE.

NINETEEN KILLED.

London, Jan. 29.
 It is announced to-day that the death toll in the gale mishaps in Scotland is nineteen, including nine in Glasgow, where three hundred injured were treated in the hospitals.

The state of the warehouses in Wilson Street is so dangerous that it is still impossible to search the debris for a missing man.—*Reuter.*

London, Jan. 29.
 Up to the present fourteen persons have been killed by the gale which has spread all over the country, reaching a hundred miles an hour in many parts and carrying off roofs and interrupting telegraphs.—*Reuter.*

A CURIOUS FIX.

WHERE DUAL DUTIES CONFLICT.

Although Harrington House, the Queen Anne-mansion, off Whitehall, is doomed to become a telephone exchange, efforts are to be made to preserve the facade and the staircase.

Viscount Peel, as First Commissioner of Works, is in a Gilbertian position. He has purchased the house on behalf of the Post Office, but as he also has special duties as administrator of the Ancient Monuments Act, he is interested in preserving its historic character. In a statement issued from the Office of Works, it is pointed out that the department were asked by the Post Office to find a site, within a definite portion of the Whitehall area, on which a telephone exchange could be built without delay.

After exploring various possibilities the choice lay between Harrington House and another site, which, besides being much more expensive, could not be made available without much difficulty and such delay in obtaining possession as would make it impossible to open the new exchange by the required time.

No Alternative.

So the First Commissioner was driven to the conclusion that, if the requirements of the telephone service were to be met, there was no practicable alternative to the acquisition of Harrington House. As the First Commissioner has special duties as administrator of the Ancient Monuments Acts, and a special interest in buildings of historic and architectural merit, "every effort," says the statement, "will be made to incorporate the facade, and if possible the staircase, in the new building, as these are the only features of any real interest. But this involves serious questions of construction and rights of light, which may prove insuperable."

The mansion, which dates from 1702, has an imposing original facade in the court, and contains a fine staircase, much original panelling, plaster cornices and fireplaces.

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KALYAN	9,144	19th Feb.	Marseilles London A'werp & Hull
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TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Kwongsang		Wed.	9th	Feb	at 7 a.m.
TIENHSIN	Cheongshing	Sun.	9th	Feb	at 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG	Mingsang	Thurs.	10th	Feb	at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Kutsang	Fri.	11th	Feb	at 3 p.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Hopsang		Sun.	13th	Feb	at 7 a.m.
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STRAITS & Calcutta	Namsang	Tues.	15th	Feb	at 3 p.m.
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The home, a gift to the Institute of Journalists by Councillor T.B. Parkington, of Ipswich, comprised Oak Hill, a picturesque mansion standing near the crown of Stoke Hill, one of the most beautiful spots in East Anglia. It was the residence of Sir Daniel Goddard, M.P. for Ipswich for many years until his death in 1921.

It is considered that a trust fund of \$50,000 will yield a sufficient income for meeting the permanent charges of provision.

Lord Burnham said the mansion was to be first and foremost a convalescent home for journalists of small means. In the second place it might be a rest house for those who had finished their labours.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

INTERESTING MATCH ON CLUB GROUND.

One of the most interesting matches of the season was that played on Saturday between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Combined League. With both teams at full strength, it was not surprising that no definite result was reached.

Club v. Combined League.
Hayward and Evans, opening the Club innings against the bowling of Goodwin and Brace, set a standard for the other batsmen by knocking up 71 runs before they were separated. The next five players made fair scores and at 134 runs for the loss of eight wickets the innings was declared. Hayward made 60 runs in a fine innings before he was dismissed by Rumlajn, who took a brilliant catch at first slip. He hit out enterprisingly.

The Combined League opened very poorly, losing the first wicket for 35 runs. Fincham Sayer saved the situation by hitting up 77 between them. With a total of 27 from Mr. "Extras" the score was taken to 136 for five wickets when stumps were drawn.

Tamar v. Indians.
The Indian Recreation Club were surprisingly defeated by the Tamar on the Naval ground at Happy Valley, the decision going to the sailors by the margin of 40 runs. This was the first defeat suffered by the Soccer team and reduces it to love terms with the Police.

The Tamar eleven batted first and although only two players reached double figures, Bailey being a scorer with 37, the innings really 133. There were no less than extras. King was responsible for 10 runs and was undefeated at the close of the innings. Sirdar Khan turned six wickets for 39 runs. The Naval bowlers were on the edge of their form and with the exception of A. K. Minu (32), an Indian batsman were dismissed by the last man being bowled. The score was still 46 runs for the Tamar total.

Bessley was also successful with the ball, taking six wickets for only 27 runs.

University v. Recrelo.
The University second string provided a second surprise by beating the Club de Recrelo at Pokfulam by one wicket.

The visitors went to the wickets first and compiled a total of 132 runs, of which Pinna scored 55, Lee with four wickets for 15 runs was the most successful bowler of the match.

The home team, after an exciting finish, passed their opponent's score with one wicket in hand. Korman made 47 of the total of 134. Alves took four wickets for 35 runs.

Civil Service v. Navy.
Another rather unexpected result was that between the Civil Service and the Royal Navy, played on the former's ground, the Happy Valley team beating the opposition by four wickets.

Out of a total of 153 made by the Navy, Duncanson contributed 81 not out and O'Donnell 25. Wicket's five wickets cost him 44 runs.

The home team replied with 170 for the loss of eight wickets when play was stopped. Strange with 38 was top scorer.

Friendly Matches.
Craigenger entertained the Kowloon C. C. and were defeated by 41 runs. Kowloon made 138 (Strange 67, and Lieut. Emley, 25), while Craigenger replied with 97 (Grimes 24 and Bana, 20). Lyl took six wickets for 47 runs.

Kowloon v. Hongkong.
On the Kowloon ground the home team played the Hongkong C. C. The visitors made 141 for five wickets declared (Orr 42, Lammet 22 and Burgess 26) and dismissed the Kowloon players for 70 (Evans and Hamlyn 17 each). Wales took six wickets for 39 runs and Lee three for 21.

The Police defeated the Hongkong Electric by 107 runs. The home team made 178 runs (Randall 55 not out, Alexander 44 and Meadows 32). The visitors made 71 (Normington 10 and Muskett 15).

COTTON REPORT.

OUTLOOK NONE TOO ENCOURAGING.

Washington, Jan. 29.
The Department of Agriculture's annual report regarding the cotton outlook advocates curtailment of at least 30 per cent. of the acreage in order to restore the balance between consumption and supply.

The report mentions the possibility of increased damage to the crop by boll-weevil compared with last year, while even if the growing weather is normal, the outlook for production is none too encouraging.—Reuters' American Service.

PARIS LOAN.

Paris, Jan. 29.
The Petit Parisien correspondent at the Hague says that the demand for subscription for part of the 200 millions florins loan for the town of Paris, issued last week, exceeded 15/18 milliards of florins.—Havas.

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LATEST PIRACY
SENSATION.

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rowed ashore and, after a slight
delay, Mr. Cotton was sent back to
the Seang Bee, the Chinese pas-
sengers being taken away for
ransom.

Several of the pirates spoke good
English. The No. 1 pirate did not,
apparently, speak English.

IN THE ENGINE ROOM.

ARMED GUARDS MOUNTED.

The Chief Engineer told a Tele-
graph reporter that an armed
guard was kept in the engine
room throughout the four days, in
which the pirates had control.
Three pirates suddenly appeared
at about 9.20 a.m. on the 27th, held
up the fourth engineer who was
on watch, and, after satisfying
themselves that no arms were con-
cealed, changed watches continu-
ally, escorting the officers to and
from the engine-room.

Mr. W. B. Charlton was the
wireless operator on duty at the
time of the outbreak. As far as
can be ascertained, he was the
first to know that anything was
amiss. He was surprised from be-
hind by an armed Chinese, and
within a minute several pirates
had entered the wireless room.
Mr. Charlton said that the instru-
ments were not damaged greatly,
as the pirates appeared to be
afraid of the set.

THE SHIP'S OFFICERS.

THE FULL LIST.

The officers of the vessel are:
Master: Capt. E. Cotton.
Chief Officer: Mr. D. McNeal.
2nd Officer: Mr. J. Connor.
3rd Officer: Mr. P. Cullen.
Chief Engineer: Mr. E. P. Lee.
2nd Engineer: Mr. J. B. Jones.
3rd Engineer: Mr. C. Bellotti.
4th Engineer: Mr. J. Rankin.
Wireless Operators: Mr. W. B.
Charlton, Mr. T. R. Stevenson, and
Mr. F. Rhodes. Dr. Charles is the
ship's doctor.

FIRST NEWS.

EARLY WIRELESS MESSAGES.

First news of the piracy was re-
ceived in a wireless message from
the vessel last night, addressed to
the naval authorities and the local
agents of the owners. This stated
that the Seang Bee was taken con-
trol of by pirates on Thursday last,
and that she was later taken into
Bias Bay. At the time the message
was despatched, the vessel was an-
chored off Low Island, Bias Bay,
and help was urgently needed.
The message further stated that
the Captain and five of the first-
class passengers were taken ashore
in two ship's boats, but according
to later information the Captain
was released.

This morning, a further wireless
message was received from the
steamer, this stating that the
steamer was on her way to Hong-
kong and would arrive during the
forenoon. A request was made
that a pilot be sent out to bring the
boat in.

Up to noon to-day when a Tele-
graph reporter called on the local
Agents at Nam Pak Hong, no fur-
ther information was received by
the latter in amplification of the
first two wireless messages re-
ceived. The Seang Bee did not appear
in port at the probable time indi-
cated in the second message, and
the delay, if it were accountable to
any further incident, would have
been made known in view of the
fact that the steamer could still
use her wireless. Hence, the local
Agents who had carried out the
necessary measures instructed in
the wireless message, were not per-
turbed as regards the eventual
safe return of the steamer.

IN EMIGRATION TRADE.

Mr. Ling Po-yu, the Manager of
Messrs. Tuen Kee Hong, stated
this morning that, as far as the
local Agents are aware, the Seang
Bee had aboard the usual general
cargo, such as she carried on many
previous trips, although bullion
might be present on board and
offer a special inducement to the
pirates. The ship left Amoy just
a month ago, and the round trip
by way of Hongkong, Singapore,
Penang and Rangoon would have
occupied a little over 40 days.
The steamer largely entered
into the emigration traffic,
between Amoy and the Straits Set-
tlements, and the number of Fu-
kien emigrants carried on one of
these trips, often amounted to as
many as 1,000. This class of pas-
senger usually boarded the Seang
Bee at Singapore in large numbers,
and it was indicated as being very
probable that the pirates also
shipped at Amoy, in the guise of
passengers.

HOLLAND'S QUEEN & CONSORT.



This is the latest photograph taken of Queen Wilhelmina of
Holland and her consort. The Queen is in gala costume, with
the famous Dutch royal diadem, whilst Prince Henry is in the
uniform of a General of the Army.

The Telegraph reporter was fur-
ther informed that it was the com-
pradore and not the Captain who
was taken away with the five Chi-
nese passengers.

TWELVE BRITISH OFFICERS.

The Seang Bee is a British twin
screw steamer of 5,849 tons gross
and was built by Messrs. Harland
and Wolff, at Belfast, in 1891, for
Messrs. Lim Chin Tsong, of Ran-
goon, who are still her owners.
Her dimensions are:—Length,
445.5 feet; breadth, 49.1 feet;
depth, 29.7 feet.
She carries a crew of twelve
British and 159 Chinese, and her
master is Captain Cotton. No de-
tails of the personnel of the offi-
cers can be obtained locally, as
they all belong to the Singapore
marine guilds.

The local agents of the vessel
are the Tuen Kee firm, of Bonham
Strand.

SIMILAR CASE TWO YEARS AGO.

The case of the s.s. Seang Bee
would appear to be almost similar
to that of the s.s. Hong Hwa which
was pirated on her way up to
Hongkong from Singapore just two
years ago.

It will be remembered that the
Hong Hwa, with over 300 Chinese
passengers on board and a crew
numbering over 100, was five days
out of Singapore when about 30
of the Chinese passengers sudden-
ly disclosed their identity as
pirates and, by a well-staged coup,
while the ship's officers were at
breakfast, seized control of the
ship. The boat was in pirate
hands for three days, being taken
round to Bias Bay. Her wireless
equipment was dismantled before
the wireless operator could act.
There were no casualties, but the
whole of the ship was ransacked,
as was also the personal effects of
everybody on board. The pirates
took their booty off in boats at
Bias Bay, making a haul which
was estimated at not less than
\$10,000.

A memorial signed by Lord Daw-
son of Penn, Lord Lee, Lord Gray,
Lord Burmah, Sir Oliver Lodge,
Sir Alfred Mond, Sir Michael Sad-
ler, Sir Charles Sherrington, Sir
Arthur Shipley, Sir R. A. Gregory,
Messrs. J. A. Spender, C. P. Scott,
H. A. Gwynne, and many distin-
guished scientists, has been sub-
mitted to the Governor-General of
India, appreciating the work
achieved by Sir J. C. Bose's Re-
search Institute in Calcutta, wel-
coming the co-operation of the
East and West, and urging the
Government to continue to extend
assistance for the expansion of the
Institute with the view to increas-
ing its "recognised usefulness and
thus help to revive the ancient
traditions of India as a home of
learning."

"Women M.P.'s are 100 per-
cent, and I wish I could say the
same of the men. Were more wo-
men in Parliament the wild
element would soon disappear."
Mr. R. J. Wilson, Labour M.P.,
speaking at Jarrow.

SWATOW STILL
UNSETTLED.

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POLICE CHIEF TRANSFERRED.

Mr. Ho Chip-woo, the Chief of
Police and acting Defence Com-
missioner here, has been order-
ed by General Ho Eng-kim, the
Military Governor, to proceed at
once to Poochow to take up similar
duties there.

On receipt of this news, the
Chinese Chamber of Commerce, on
behalf of merchants and other
prominent local residents, tele-
graphed to Gen. Ho Eng-kim re-
questing that Mr. Ho Chip-woo be
allowed to remain here for at least
a month after the holidays in or-
der to be on the spot in the event
of any of the present disturbing
rumours materialising.

PROTECTION OF FOREIGNERS.

Writing under date of Saturday,
our correspondent says:

The following instructions to
protect the lives and property of
foreigners have been issued by the
Commissioner for Foreign Affairs
to the Defence Commissioner, the
Mayor of Swatow, the Chief of
Police, the Swatow Branch of the
Kuomintang, and all Unions:

"The following telegram has
been received from the Minister
for Foreign Affairs:—

"Since the territory leased to the
British at Hankow and Changsha
has been taken back under our own
control, the situation appears to
have changed. British representa-
tives have been appointed to dis-
cuss our future relations and the
Minister for Foreign Affairs has
repeatedly assured these repre-
sentatives that the lives and prop-
erty of foreigners would be pro-
tected."

"The Commissioner for Foreign
Affairs is therefore instructed to
inform all military, civil, Kuom-
tang, Labour Union and Student
Union officials that, during the
period of discussion and negotia-
tion at Hankow, they are not to
interfere with foreign lives or prop-
erty in any way. All citizens are
requested to co-operate with the
Government in this matter and to
respect the property and especially
the religions of other nationals
and to avoid any form of annoy-
ance which may hinder the present
negotiations."

"This notification is therefore
published for the information and
careful attention of all citizens."

That the best musical composers
do not enter competitions is the
opinion of Sir Landon Ronald,
commenting on the disappointing
results of the Musical Festival
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tish Broadcasting Company, which
offered prizes totalling £1,000 to
encourage lesser known British
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